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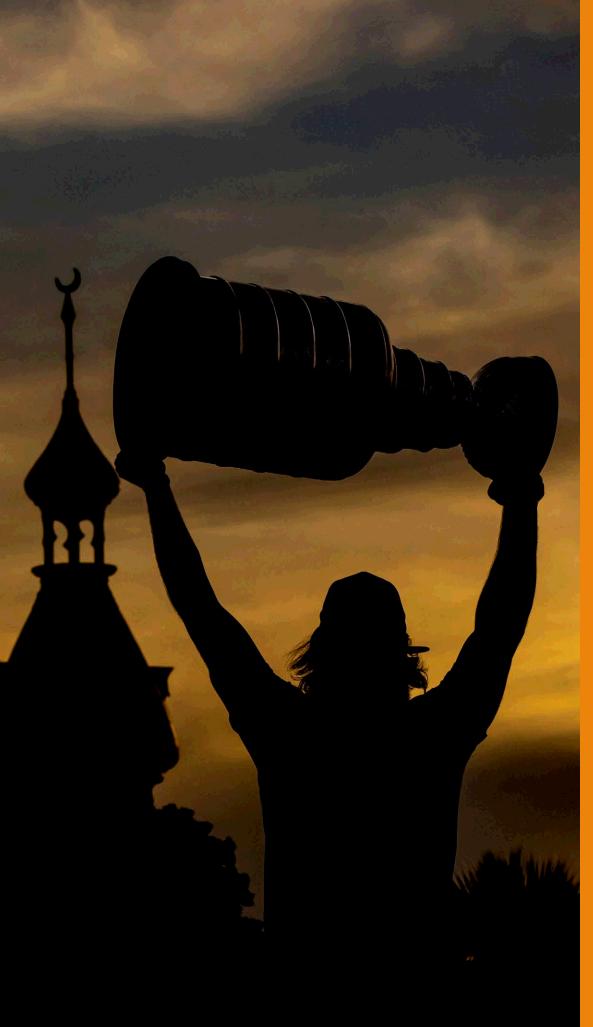
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# Pick the Perfect Present

**Celebrate UT's entrepreneurs by choosing items or services from 11 alumni-owned businesses.** 

# WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Hockey fans were in for a treat this year. On Sept. 28, the Tampa Bay Lightning defeated the Dallas Stars four games to two in the 2020 Stanley Cup Finals. Two days later, the UT community strolled over to the east side of campus to celebrate the team at their victory boat parade along the Hillsborough River. Go, Bolts!





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#### CORRECTIONS

We deeply regret the following errors from the Fall 2020 issue:

• An incorrect photo of Petronella Hjort '23 was published.

• Elizabeth Rheaume '08 has not passed away.

# **UT's Tradition of Support**

Almost five decades ago, the Minaret Society was formed to give friends of UT an opportunity to participate formally in the academic advancement of the University through annual giving. Fischer S. Black — then chair of UT's Board of Trustees told the first society members that: *"Your faith and support in this cornerstone of higher education will be returned to you many times over in the years to come, for your gifts will help provide a solid foundation for the future leaders of our society."* 

One tradition of the Minaret Society is the annual Minaret Society Dinner, at which the University shows its appreciation for some of UT's most generous donors. The dinner at the time was described as "a fine mixture of haute cuisine, high seriousness, mellow conversation, music and comedy," and recent versions of the event have been equally elegant, featuring performances by students and faculty, presentations about University achievements and often, announcements of new projects, programs or gifts.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 forced us to cancel the dinner for the first time this year. Yet COVID-19 did not stop the enthusiasm and commitment of UT's donors and friends. We are still able to announce an exciting project — the impending



construction of phase II of the Fitness and Recreation Center, thanks to a major gift by Benson Riseman '78 and his wife, Lee (see story, page 47).

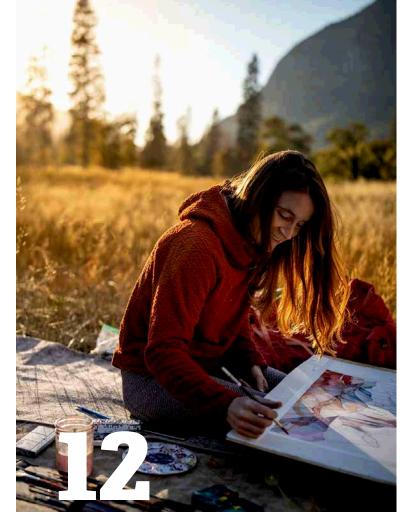
As I researched Benson's time at UT (he was known as Alex then), I learned he was the kind of student we aspire to recruit: highly involved as a student-athlete, resident assistant, judicial board member and Student Government Association representative. He also was a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership fraternity and served on the yearbook staff. His broad-based campus experience led him to a successful, entrepreneurial career. Benson was truly Spartan Ready.

It's only fitting that the Fitness and Recreation Center, which opened in 2016, will be renamed the Benson Alex Riseman Fitness and Recreation Center upon completion of phase II. It's a complex that will impact all UT students, along with other new projects — most notably the Ferman Center for the Arts — that will help make UT the university of choice for thousands of students to come.

But we can only recruit these types of students if we continue to receive support, not just from members of the Minaret Society, but from all alumni and friends of the University. UT is recognized as a model university, yet we must not be complacent. We need to keep forging forward, striving for educational excellence in all its forms.

As I peruse the Donor Honor Roll in this issue, I am reassured by the commitment of so many people to UT's success. UT's history has been full of challenges, including the unprecedented ones of this year. I am committed to ensuring that this pandemic — or any other unforeseen threat — does not fundamentally change the exceptional teaching and learning that UT has always been known for. I thank you for sharing my enthusiasm and belief in UT's future.

> RONALD L. VAUGHN, PH.D. President and Max H. Hollingsworth Professor of American Enterprise









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# **NEWS OF NOTE**

HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

This is what the Fitness and Recreation Center will look like, once expanded, in Spring 2022.

# Fitness Never Looked Better

Phase II of the Fitness and Recreation Center will expand it to 60,000 square feet.

Campus workouts are about to get an upgrade.

UT has announced the commencement of phase II of the Fitness and Recreation Center, which will expand the current space from 40,000 to 60,000 square feet. Phase II will feature two stories of expanded and reconfigured workout and exercise space, as well as research and teaching facilities. In addition, the center will include a new aquatic center, a new beach volleyball complex and outdoor basketball courts. This follows the initial phase I construction, which was completed in September 2016.

Construction of phase II will start this spring, and the expansion is expected to be completed in Spring 2022. The facility will be renamed the Benson Alex Riseman Fitness and Recreation Center after a major gift from the alumnus of the class of 1978, who is also a member of UT's Board of Trustees (for more on him, see <u>page 47</u>).

"I believe that the collective additions to the Fitness and Recreation Center will offer the opportunity for continuous improvement in both individual and community well-being. Strengthened partnerships will provide increased student engagement in 'learning by doing,''' says Chris Gottlick, director of campus recreation. "Ultimately, the facilities, programs, classes and competitions will all help ensure our students become Spartan Ready during their time here."

UT President Ron Vaughn notes that the existing fitness center has been extremely popular with students, and sees phase II as part of a long-term strategy to help students stay healthy, relieve stress, have fun and be fit. The expanded facility will also appeal to prospective students and help the University recruit top students, Vaughn adds, especially those students who value healthy lifestyles.

"We know that fitness helps students excel academically, and especially given the past six months, students need more than ever the kind of health and wellness that a facility like this will provide," Vaughn says.

# **UT Board Welcomes New Members**

UT's Board of Trustees has named five new members to three-year terms.

### **RONICE BARLOW MBA '17**

Barlow is senior vice president, head of strategic planning and business development and co-head of internal sales for U.S. Advisory Services at Franklin Templeton Investments. Since joining Franklin Templeton in 1993, Barlow has developed broad experience in field sales and global sales management, along with having been responsible for introducing and leading innovative distribution strategies.

#### PAUL B. HETH '90

Heth is founder and principal of Patton Ventures. He's a major force in the global expansion of cinema, and has led the transformation of the Russian motion picture industry. As CEO of Karo Film Group, Heth developed and operates Russia's leading cinema company. His theatrical production company, Monumental, in partnership with Sony Pictures and Fox, has produced some of the highest-grossing Russian films.

### **DIRK MONTGOMERY**

Montgomery is chief financial officer and executive vice president, supply chain, for the Fiesta Restaurant Group. He's an accomplished financial and operational executive with more than 25 years of experience in private and public companies with domestic and international operations. In his position as CFO, Montgomery led several debt and equity transactions totaling over \$4 billion.

#### **NIPESH SHAH**

Shah has spent his career in strategic operating roles within consumer, chemical and packaging companies. He has served as president and CEO of Anchor Glass Container Corp. since July 2017. Shah also serves on its board of directors.

### **KAREN ZADEREJ**

Zaderej joined Axogen Corp. — the leading company focusing specifically on the science, development and commercialization of technologies for peripheral nerve regeneration and repair — in May 2006 and became chair of the board of directors in 2018. She is now chair, CEO and president of the company.

#### **EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**

New ex officio members include Katie Martinez, chair of the UT Board of Counselors and multimedia account executive at the *Tampa Bay Business Journal*; Penny Parks MBA '93, chair of the UT Board of Fellows and president and founder of Links Financial LLC; and Teri Willis, president of The Chiselers.

### **BOARD OFFICERS**

Board officers for the 2020-2021 academic year include: James S. MacLeod '70, chair; Gary W. Harrod, vice chair; Charlotte Baker, secretary; and Phillip E. Casey; immediate past chair.

For a full listing of trustees, go to ut.edu/trustees.



# Mr. JingleBoots Is Back!

Be honest: Did you miss the #UTampaElf? Don't worry. He's baaaaaaack! This festive, tiny, stuffed elf is appearing once again on UT's Instagram account (<u>@uoftampa</u>) every day until Dec. 24. He's going on lots of fun adventures this year, all over campus, so make sure you don't miss his hilarious holiday high jinks.



### **5 MINUTES WITH**

# **Leslie Jones**

Jones, assistant dean of the College of Social Sciences, Mathematics and Education and associate professor of mathematics, received the most prestigious faculty award: the 2019-2020 Louise Loy Hunter Award, which honors excellence in teaching and cumulative contributions in service and scholarship.

#### What drew you to teaching?

Both of my parents were teachers, I have a grandfather who was a history teacher, and my aunts and uncles on my father's side were also teachers. I think it was destiny, even though I tried other things. I think it's that desire to want to have an impact — and that's easy to see in the classroom. I've had office jobs, and it was less clear to me in those positions how I was having an impact. My college major was computer science, but I decided to teach math because it's a subject that I've always enjoyed, and I always excelled in math.

#### How did you end up at UT?

My husband and I were both ROTC graduates — he spent 26 years on active duty — so in 2011 we were looking to move to a city with a military base that also had a nice university. I loved the small size of UT. This is a place where faculty can really get to know their students and invest in them.

#### What types of research do you do?

I've been leaning toward data science studies, and I've been working on my skills in that area. I just learned Python this past year through a series of 10 courses I took on Coursera. I have always had this desire to do something useful, to use my skills in areas that may be helpful to society. For instance, in the past I've researched data relating to chemotherapy drugs. When I came to UT, I discovered that we have a large marine biology department. So that gave me an opportunity to study the population dynamics of fish. I always enjoy collaborating.

### How do you build a connection with students, especially in the middle of a pandemic?

It's not any fun to stand in front of the classroom and talk to an audience that you don't know. I always say I need to know their names by the first test. This semester has been harder with the masks because I only see part of their faces, but I walk around the room and talk to them while they're working on problems. I try to figure out who are the strong students and who are the struggling ones and then meet them where they are.

# What does it mean to you to win the Louise Loy Hunter award?

I've always just been in awe of the people who've received this award, so I was completely humbled and just blown away by receiving it, really taken aback. I don't know how to put it in words, but, you think, 'this can't be true.' I'm very honored.

-MALLORY CULHANE '21





# THE MEAT OF THE MATTER

These days, it's hard to get through the grocery store — or menus at restaurants like Burger King — without seeing vegetarian meat alternatives that are designed to taste like meat. Sales of these products skyrocketed this year, according to a June article in *Discover Magazine*, which included a quote from Mark Lang, associate professor of marketing at UT who is a food marketing expert.

Lang suspects fake meat is still in its infancy — and that once the novelty wears off, selling consumers all-or-nothing choices may be a tall order in the long run because most people aren't ready to go cold turkey on meat. He believes the future of fake meat might lean toward blends, which encourage consumers to reduce (rather than eliminate) meat from their diets.

A recent study of his, "Consumer Acceptance of Blending Plant-Based Ingredients Into Traditional Meat-Based Foods: Evidence From the Meat-Mushroom Blend," which was published last year in a journal called *Food Quality and Preference*, analyzed this topic. Specifically, it looked at what motivates 602 people to eat meatbased dishes in which a portion of the meat is substituted with ground mushrooms.

The reasons that ranked the highest were health, taste and then cost. Surprisingly, environmental sustainability was ranked in the last two of eleven possible benefits. "(Consumers) might say, 'I'm trying to help the Earth and improve my diet at the same time," Lang says. "But when they're forced to make trade-offs, it's really, 'I want to improve my diet and my health, and if I can save the environment, that's good, too.'" Marketers, take note.

# **Horsing Around**

Jessa Madosky, professor of instruction I, biology, has been researching a population of wild horses in Shackleford Banks, NC, for more than a decade. When one of her collaborators at the National Park Service wrote a grant to develop a curriculum on the horses for elementary and middle schools, Madosky was named the main researcher on the grant.

The free curriculum, which became available this past summer on the National Park Service's website and can be viewed at bit.ly/35UShex, is based on some of Madosky's published and unpublished work and includes three lesson plans.

■ "Horses and Humans" teaches children how to measure a safe distance when interacting with the horses, analyze their body language and learn how to respond appropriately in different scenarios to ensure safety.

■ "Past, Present and Future" uses maps, charts, graphs and narratives to explain historic events and teaches students how to distinguish between primary and secondary sources of information.

■ "Genetics and Evolution" teaches kids how to analyze the relationship between genetic variation and an organism's ability to adapt to its environment, recognize patterns of heredity and understand that geology, fossils, genetic variation and comparative anatomy provide evidence of biological and geological evolution.

While putting all of this together (pre-pandemic), Madosky recruited two UT students to collect scientific data about the horses and took teachers into the field to spend a day in the life of a wild horse researcher. She then reviewed the curriculum before it was published, providing what you might call 'yay or neigh' feedback on its accuracy. The result is a galloping success.



#### **A WORK OF ART**

Progress continues on the construction of the Ferman Center for the Arts, as UT anticipates an exciting opening during the spring semester.



# **Growth at Lowth**

The Lowth Entrepreneurship Center has received a generous grant from the TD Charitable Foundation that has a couple of exciting benefits.

■ It's allowing the center to expand its Spartan Incubator program and assist more low- to moderate-income individuals in advancing their early-stage businesses. The program is a free service that allows business owners to receive guidance from faculty, investors, entrepreneurs and experts both in the Tampa Bay region and beyond. It selects several companies each year to participate in the 12-month program. In the past, industries have included medicine, horticulture, food service and technology.

■ Two CEOs have joined the center as entrepreneurs-in-residence. One is Colette Glover-Hannah, CEO and founder of Hannah's Shoebox, an e-commerce shoe store that provides a solution for families looking for age-appropriate shoes for tween girls who wear women-sized shoes. The other is Bert Seither M.S. '19, CEO and founder of The Startup Expert, a coaching and business services company aimed at turning business owners' ideas into reality. They will guide participants in the center's Spartan Incubator and Spartan Accelerator programs.



# HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, UT had another virtual commencement in December and will continue implementing its instructional continuity plan with an adjusted Spring 2021 schedule that provides scattered days off, rather than five consecutive days off for Spring Break. A decision about the format of May 2021 commencement is expected to be made early in the spring semester when more information is available about COVID-19 precautions.

# The Class of 2024

# 27,800

Number of applications received

55%

of students who applied were accepted

# 2,463 Number of first-year

students enrolled

20%

qualify for the UT Honors Program

States With Biggest Increase: Massachusetts and New Jersey 10.2% of students are international

**Top Countries (In Order):** Kuwait, UK, Canada, The Bahamas, The Netherlands,

Saudi Arabia, Norway

## **Countries of Note:**

Iceland, Estonia, Croatia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Peru, Ukraine, Senegal, Austria,Thailand, Bolivia

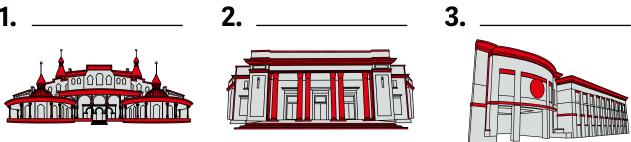


1. Nursing

- 2. Marine Science
- 3. Undecided
- 4. Marketing
- 5. Finance
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- 7. Psychology
- 8. Sport Management
- 9. Biology
- 10. Management

# **POP QUIZ: BUILDINGS BONANZA!**

Are you a smartie Sparty? Find out how well you know some of the most iconic buildings on UT's campus. Match each illustration and description at the top with the correct building name below. Fill in your guesses on the blank lines. When you're finished, check the answers, which are listed upside down at the bottom.

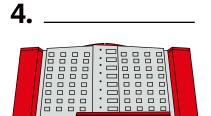


Constructed in 1891 and named after the owner of a railroad system and steamship lines, this building used to be a lavish hotel. Famous guests included: President Teddy Roosevelt, Thomas Edison, Winston Churchill, Booker T. Washington and Clara Barton.

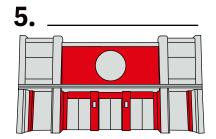




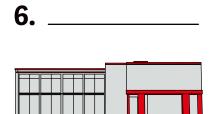
UT had a ball with this construction, which is named after an alumnus who went on to become the mayor of Tampa, the governor of Florida and the drug czar for President George H.W. Bush. Don't break a sweat trying to figure it out.



Built in 1998, this residence hall was originally called Crescent Place. Its name was changed in 2005 to honor a married couple that chaired UT's first capital campaign, which helped fund the University's major expansion.



This construction — truly a work of art - was built thanks to a gift from a family foundation. The 30,000-square-foot space houses many colorful items that are sure to catch your eye.



Originally a women's-only dorm, this building was named after a member of UT's Board of Trustees and is one of the oldest residence halls at UT. It's also the smallest "traditional" residence hall, housing approximately 130 students.

### BUILDING NAME CHOICES: AUSTIN HALL, MARTINEZ ATHLETICS CENTER, PLANT HALL, R.K. BAILEY **ART STUDIOS, SMILEY HALL, SYKES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

1. Plant Hall 2. Sykes College of Business 3. Martinez Athletics Center 4. Austin Hall 5. R.K. Bailey Art Studios 6. Smiley Hall **SAEWSNA** 



# ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS Helping Boys Become Men

Marcus Bright '06, a former starter on UT's men's basketball team, is part of an organization that mentors young, at-risk, male students.

He loved to shoot. He loved to score. But when he played basketball at UT from 2004 to 2006, Marcus Bright '06 learned an important lesson.

It wasn't all about him.

"You've got to help your teammates become the best they can be as a collective unit," Bright says. "You've got to want others to get better."

That lesson served Bright well in basketball. Now it's serving him well in life. Since 2017, he has been district administrator for the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, a school-system based dropout prevention and mentorship program that has served thousands of boys (ages 9 to 19) in 110 Miami-Dade County schools, while expanding to other parts of Florida and beyond.

The nonpartisan organization was founded in 1993 by U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson, then a school board member. She was troubled by a pattern of young minority boys being incarcerated, getting involved with drugs or dropping out of school. She challenged professional males in Miami-Dade County to become mentors to help at-risk boys transition into becoming men.

### **FINDING HIS PATH**

After graduating from UT with a bachelor's degree in government and world affairs, Bright earned his master's in public administration at Florida International University and a doctorate at Florida Atlantic University.

He worked for a nonprofit for educational programming, then taught public administration and public policy at five different universities and published more than 100 articles on topics related to public policy, education and social justice.

At that point in his life, about three years ago, Bright figured he was on track to become a university president. But then Wilson recruited him to join the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project. "I couldn't say no," says Bright. "It wasn't a career move I anticipated. But I've never seen anything with more potential to help so many kids."

### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

In his current role, Bright visits as many schools as he can, but knows his biggest impact will come from training others to work with kids. The lessons the organization imparts to students include: being good people, living a healthful life, being responsible, respecting others, setting goals, pursuing education and being of service.

"Marcus is very relatable, very transparent," says Ted McRae, the program's site coordinator at Miami's Northwestern High School. "Somebody always has to be the bridge. He connects the kids with the site coordinators. He knows how to motivate all of us. He talks about real-life experiences. It's not a fantasy. He shows how you can discipline yourself to strive for something more."

It happened for Malique Lewis, a graduate of the Miami Lakes Educa-

tional Center magnet school and now a first-year at Syracuse University. Lewis received a full-tuition Posse Scholarship, which recognizes leadership development, as well as a 5000 Role Models Wilson Scholarship.

"I was raised by a single mother and never had a father figure in my household," Lewis says. "This program showed me how to be a man and how to conduct myself properly. It transformed my life. I have big goals now. I understand it's not about just me. I'm here to serve others. I believe I'm here to change the world."

Lewis says he adopted that view by following Bright's example. "It's just an honor to be in Dr. Bright's presence," Lewis says. "He has shown me how to be respectful and responsible. He told me about the importance of education. These aren't just words. This is a guy who has lived it. So you respect what he's about."

### THE ROAD TO TAMPA

Bright was raised in rural Martin, TN, the son of a teacher and human resources director. "I was the first generation in my family not to pick cotton," Bright says. "My parents taught me to use my education, not to just achieve some kind of success, but to make an impact in the community. My parents were big on Black history. I grew up studying Dr. (Martin Luther) King, Frederick Douglass, people who distinguished themselves through service and lifted the plight of the underserved. I looked up to them."

In high school, Bright fell off the basketball recruiting radar after breaking his foot, and then spent two years at Palm Beach Community College. But that's where he was discovered by Richard Schmidt, head coach of men's basketball at UT. "If you can play for Coach Schmidt, you can handle anything in the real world," Bright says. "I didn't want to just graduate and get a job. I knew I wanted something bigger."

Bright has found exactly that.

"We are all striving for social justice, particularly in these times, but ultimately life is not fair," Bright says. "Through the 5000 Role Models, we want to strengthen and empower our boys to run through the gates of opportunity."

"Education is a vehicle, but you have to be smart about it. Student loans can put you in debt for life. Be more mindful of the majors you choose. You need to be different. You need an entrepreneurial spirit. You need to see the boundaries and find ways to defeat them. It's important to know who sacrificed to give you opportunities, and then to reach back to help someone else yourself. This is the life we see for these boys," says Bright.

-JOEY JOHNSTON

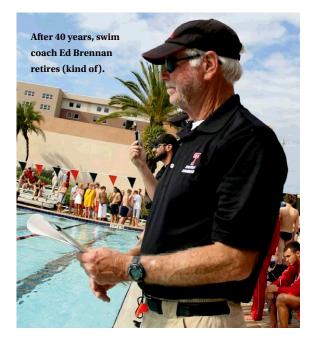
# A LEGENDARY COACH STEPS BACK

Ed Brennan, the longest-tenured head coach in the history of The University of Tampa, retired from his role as a full-time coach for the Spartans this summer. Brennan began his UT career as the head swimming coach in 1980 and built the Spartans into a national powerhouse.

His teams were consistently ranked among the nation's top 20, and he has coached more All-American student-athletes (more than 200) and more individual national champions (29) than any other coach in UT's history. His students have also regularly excelled in the classroom, garnering more than 100 academic awards.

Brennan — a graduate of Long Island University and a native of Brooklyn, NY — resides in Tampa with his wife, Lois. They have two daughters, Meghan Hinson and Merrie Tankersley, who works as clinical education director and lecturer of education at UT. Brennan has always been active in the Tampa community. He was the director of the Greater Tampa Swimming Association for more than 30 years. He looks forward to remaining active in a part-time coaching role, working with the current head coach of swimming, Jimi Kiner '01.

-TOM KOLBE '01



# Holiday Gift Guide



Liz Anthony '14, M.S. '15



Dimitra Nikiforides '16



Latifatu seini '15, m.s. '19



Matt Fitterer '14



Gabriella Rezex '19

Rhiannon Klee Williams '15

Still need a present for that hard-to-buy-for person? Look no further. Give them an item or service from one of these 11 UT alumni-owned businesses.



# For the Healthy Eater

# **Liz Anthony Protein Bites**

Available at: <u>lizanthonynutrition.com</u> Price: \$5.99 per container of eight Protein Bites Alumnus: Liz Anthony '14, M.S. '15 Location: Tampa, FL

Healthy living has always been a part of life for Liz Anthony'14, M.S. '15. She came to UT by way of Tennessee to run track and cross country for the Spartans, an experience that taught her the value of hard work and determination. "Learning how to win is just as important as learning how to lose," says Anthony. "In business, you make so many decisions every day. The most important thing is to keep going and not stand still. Even if you sometimes make a wrong decision, you're progressing and you had a learning experience." Once friends and family developed a taste for her good-for-you, homemade snacks, she realized the potential of her recipes. Anthony went on to pursue a master's in exercise science and nutrition at UT and launched Liz Anthony Nutrition in 2016. Made locally in Tampa with just five to six ingredients per flavor (including oats, whey protein, sea salt, peanut butter and honey), Liz Anthony Protein Bites are available in a variety of flavors like chocolate peanut butter, honey peanut butter, peanut butter and jelly, and pumpkin spice. Nutritionally speaking, each serving has 8 grams of protein and doesn't have the chalky aftertaste that many protein bars have (due to artificial sweeteners and preservatives). And these snacks are just the beginning. Anthony has plans to create additional product lines in the future. Are you hungry yet?





For the Hippie

# **Spiritual products**

Available at: <u>holographichippie.com</u> Price: \$10 and up Alumnus: Dimitra Nikiforides '16 Location: Bayville, NJ

"After I embarked on my spiritual journey during college, I wanted to support people on their path and inspire them to embark on their (own journey)," says Dimitra Nikiforides '16, who majored in communication and minored in film and media arts. Nikiforides launched Holographic Hippie in September 2017, selling spiritual creations like dreamcatchers, sacred wall hangings and crystal jewelry. Her best-selling items are the protection wall amulets - wall hangings made with the Greek evil eye, black tourmaline crystals and clear quartz crystals. "They are made to protect someone and their home from negative energies," says Nikiforides, who is Greek and grew up with the protection of the Greek evil eye. A social justice communication course at UT has influenced Nikiforides's business style today, where the experience of shooting and editing a documentary taught her how to work in a timely manner with an end goal. "This has especially helped me with my plans, creations and updates with my shop," says Nikiforides.

# For the Glamorous

# PowderRx for repairing broken makeup

Available at: powderrx.com Price: \$24.95 Alumnus: Gabriella Rezex '19 Location: St. Louis, MO



Gabriella Rezex '19 believes in living a joyful life — but there are few things that spark less joy than opening a powered makeup compact and seeing the shattered pieces. Rezex was met with that scenario on the first day of a summer internship. With no option for makeup repair, she decided to take matters into her own hands. PowderRx, which repairs powdered makeup in under 24 hours with a three-step process, was officially launched in May 2019. Rezex didn't initially attend UT with the goal of becoming an entrepreneur, but she soon realized that a B.S. in Marketing was the right fit, crediting the late nights and early mornings at the Lowth Entrepreneurship Center with allowing her to find "who I really am," she reflects. "It wasn't only the faculty involved at the center — it was fellow students, members of the community and entrepreneurs-in-residence." Beyond running PowderRx, Rezex is passionate about inspiring and motivating others, and she sends out a weekly Feel Good Friday email with pep talks and personal development tips and tricks. To that end, her best advice to budding entrepreneurs is to not be afraid: "Be resourceful and identify people around you who have done it, are doing it and can help you. You've got to start somewhere to get somewhere," she says.



# For the Grill Master

# Barbecue grill brush and scraper

Available at: <u>bbqaidtools.com</u> Price: \$21.99 Alumnus: Andrew Gilliland '20 Location: Tampa, FL

A grilling tool might seem ho-hum, but there's nothing typical about BBQ-AID products. The brand's best-selling barbecue grill brush and scraper has replaceable 3.9inch by 3.5-inch stainless steel brush heads, eliminating the need to purchase a new brush every season, and it's made from durable Acaia wood, making it one of the most long-lasting barbecue tools on the market. Pair it with the porcelain burger press and the three-piece set (spatula, tongs and fork), and your holiday dinner is as good as cooked. Andrew Gilliland '20 acquired BBQ-AID earlier this year under his umbrella Action Holdings group, which he created to formally organize all his ventures. He credits the Lowth Entrepreneurship Center with helping him grow and launch various businesses since 2015, assisting him with everything from legal services, supply chain consulting and mentorship plus, Action Holdings maintains a dedicated office space there. "BBQ-AID was a clear fit for our company due to the specific ways that our teams' skills align with the identified growth opportunities," he says of the decision to bring BBQ-AID into his portfolio.

# For the Fitness Fanatic

# Optimo Grips, ergonomic grips for weights that reduce injury risk

Available at: getoptimo.com Price: \$39.95 for a pair of grips Alumnus: Bert Seither M.S. '19 Location: Tampa, FL

After earning a master's in entrepreneurship at UT, Bert Seither M.S. '19 is paying it forward as one the two 2020-2021 entrepreneurs-in-residence at UT, working with students across all majors to help them turn their passion, hobby, product idea or service into a business. As a part-time professor of entrepreneurship, Seither's best advice to UT alumni who are looking to start their own company is to "ask what your customer wants and build that." Outside UT, Seither is the co-founder of Optimo Fitness Ergonomics, which produces Optimo Grips that attach to barbells or dumbbells. The design of Optimo Grips helps reduce the chance of spraining a wrist when lifting weights. Seither stresses that getting a master's at UT helped him become a better leader. "Because of the



small class sizes and reallife group assignments, each student was given an opportunity to step up as a leader each week." His cohort remains close to this day, an experience that he says "taught me about the importance of culture within an organization and how different cultures work for different businesses."





# Qanya, a nutrient-dense post-workout drink

Available at: <u>qanya.com</u> Price: \$23.99 for a case of six 330-mL cartons Alumnus: Maria Ruiseco MBA '10 Location: Tampa, FL

Launching a business is always challenging. During a pandemic? Even more so. But an innovative product will prevail, as Maria Ruiseco MBA '10, founder of Qanya Beverages, has learned. Born in Colombia, Ruiseco grew up drinking freshpressed jugo de caña (cane juice) after long runs. But when she moved to Tampa to pursue her MBA at UT, Ruiseco couldn't find her favorite post-workout drink. As she dug deeper into the beverage, she discovered that cane water has superior nutritional benefits when compared with more readily available post-workout drinks like coconut water, including polyphenols (antioxidants); vitamins and minerals for overall health; complex carbs with no added sugar for lasting energy; and electrolytes for hydration and recovery. Ruiseco started researching how to manufacture the drink and bring it to the U.S., opting to produce Qanya in Brazil. She founded Canal Markets in 2017 and launched four products (Lime-Ginger-Mint Pressed Cane Water, Passion Fruit-Basil Pressed Cane Water, Original Pressed Cane Water and Pressed Cane Juice) in April 2020. She's thankful that she got her MBA at UT because she learned a lot from the highly ranked business and entrepreneurship programs, as well as the diverse group of international and local students. "(The program) really helped me understand how interconnected our global economy is, and (it) prepared me to conduct business on an international level," she says.





# For the Fashion-Forward

# Bold, bright African prints from the Flaunt Ankara clothing line

Available at: <u>flauntankara.com</u> Price: \$12 and up Alumnus: Latifatu Seini '15, M.S. '19 Location: Los Angeles, CA

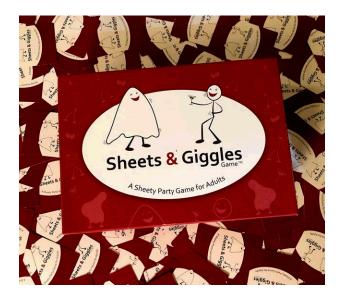
As a student and graduate academic coach at UT, Latifatu Seini '15, M.S. '19 got a kick out of introducing fellow students and colleagues to designs made in her home country of Ghana. Seini regularly wore African print clothing, prompting questions as to where she'd purchased her pieces. "It was evident that most people here were not used to seeing such vibrant colors and designs," she says. Noticing a gap in the market, she started an authentic African print clothing brand, Flaunt Ankara. Seini, who majored in accounting and also got her master's in instructional design and technology at UT, notes that her marketing, business management and speech classes, as well as her role as the marketing chair of the United Nations Student Association, boosted her confidence as a business owner.

# For the Comedian

# Sheets & Giggles Game, a party game (for adults only)

"My goal is to build an empire like the Rockefellers,' but of crude party games," says Matt Fitterer '14. The idea for the game stemmed from field day-style competitions between the co-founders that involved physical challenges, yard games, trivia and board games. In 2017, Fitterer and his business partners formed an LLC and started developing a game called Sheets & Giggles. It came to fruition after a successful 2019 Kickstarter campaign. A game for mature audiences that's in the vein of Cards Against Humanity, the game asks players to act out outrageous words and phrases, occasionally under a sheet. Fitterer, who majored in sport management and minored in business administration, says that his time as the student coordinator of LASER Team (which provides safe rides to students around campus) helped him develop his leadership style. "I believe you can run a business by interjecting fun into each day, and it's this positive work environment that brings out the best in people," he says. Work culture remains of paramount importance to Fitterer as he plans to expand his brand with new versions of the game — including a family-friendly one.

### Available at: <u>sheetsandgigglesgame.com</u> Price: \$39.99 Alumnus: Matt Fitterer '14 Location: Houston, TX



# For the Homeowner

# Landscape art inspired by rock climbing

Available at: r<u>hiannonklee.com</u> Price: \$40 and up Alumnus: Rhiannon Klee Williams '15 Location: Nomad

You could say that the art made by Rhiannon Klee Williams '15, well, rocks. Operating out of her van, Williams has been navigating the American West to both paint and rock climb. "I'm most interested in capturing the feeling of the landscape, which for me is inextricably linked to my experience (climbing) in it," she says. "When you're climbing in wild landscapes, you're experiencing those places on a deep level." Traveling with her partner when he's not on assignment as a climbing photographer, she has an adventurous spirit that has brought her to places like Yosemite Valley and Patagonia. Williams graduated UT armed with numerous art electives and a degree in psychology, which continues to influence her work today. "I am always interested in how a painting has so many layers, and how that relates to our consciousness - layers that we hide, layers that we accentuate, layers that get covered up completely," she says. Juggling a full course load and two jobs during her time at UT taught her discipline and time

management, as well as how to know when to say "no." "There is a real art to prioritizing, and the more you hone that skill, the more streamlined things naturally become," she says. Her art was initially a side hustle developed while working as an editor at an online gear review company. Now, she paints full-time, with a goal of growing as an artist — including experimenting with different media — and tackling bigger climbing expeditions that she can incorporate into her work. It's no wonder she has been featured in publications like *The Alpinist, Climbing Magazine* and *The Climbing Zine*.





# Moose Oliver Designs home decor

Available at: <u>mooseoliverdesigns.etsy.com</u> Price: \$5 and up Alumnus: Jenna Schebell, '02, MBA '04 Location: Freehold, NJ

In 2016, Jenna Schebell '02, MBA '04 had just moved back into her home after a fire and couldn't find decor that fit her farmhouse style, so she created pieces herself. Initially, the Moose Oliver Designs inventory was mostly wood signs, many with Christian inspiration. From there, it grew to include products to celebrate occasions like weddings and anniversaries, as well as ornaments, wine glasses, bottle openers, coasters and travel accessories. She has sold more than 3,000 items. "My time at UT definitely gave me the confidence to start my own business," says Schebell, who majored in computer information systems and was a resident assistant (RA) in undergrad. She also earned her MBA with a concentration in marketing from UT. "As different as the two sound, the computer knowledge has come in handy, as I sell almost exclusively online. And being an RA, I was in a leadership role that required a lot of creativity," she says. Schebell makes the wood signs out of her home, cutting the wood, staining it and designing all the graphics and layouts for custom pieces. The company was named for her two pets - Moose and Oliver - and besides running her business, she is passionate about rescuing animals and helping them find new homes.

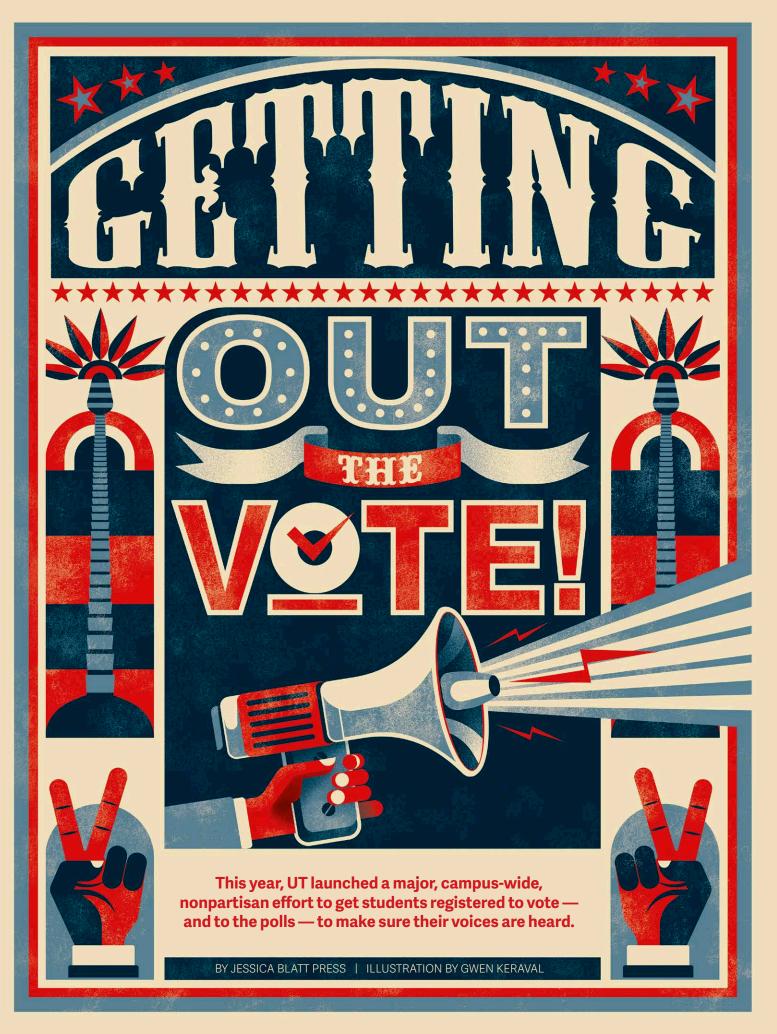


# Pinworthy Design, virtual interior design services

Available at: pinworthydesign.com

**Price**: Starts at \$30 for a 30-minute phone or Zoom consultation **Alumnus**: Taylor Krug '19, MBA '20 **Location**: Tampa, FL

Taylor Krug '19, MBA '20 came to UT with dreams of working for Disney and left school with a different fairytale ending. A graduate of the 4+1 MBA program (a combined B.S. and MBA program), Krug founded Pinworthy Design, which offers virtual design advice, including product recommendations and room layouts, to make interior decorating more accessible. She was inspired after shopping at HomeGoods with a friend who commented on a product she liked, but lamented she didn't know how to fit it into her home's aesthetic. "I started Pinworthy to help people take their inspiration boards on Pinterest and translate them into their own homes," Krug says. Her goals for Pinworthy include creating a course that teaches how she designs. "My hope is that it will help empower my customers to tackle decorating their own spaces. I believe we can (manifest) any dream we have, and for me, my space has been a physical reminder of that," she says. For the holidays, she has this to offer: "Think about the colors and aesthetics of your home before you buy decorations ... just because it's Christmas doesn't mean you need to decorate with red and green."





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**FOR THE LAST** 13 years at UT, Mary Anderson, professor of political science, has been asking the same question of students when they start her American Government class.

"Tell me something you're interested in that government doesn't play a role in," she poses to the sea of faces before her. This class fulfills a social science requirement, which means she reaches students with a variety of majors and interests.

"Nobody has come up with an answer," she says — and she's heard it all.

She once had a student insist, for example, that as a music major, he just wanted to play his instrument and didn't need to care about government. To that, Anderson asked, "Well, do you care about the National Endowment for the Arts? Do you care about copyrights on music?" Her rallying cry is to show students that when it comes to elections and, more broadly, civic engagement: "There is absolutely nothing that would give someone the reason to be completely disaffected and not rise to the occasion of weighing in on these really important decisions," she says.

It's this passion that Anderson — in partnership with Ian McGinnity, director of the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement — brought to UT's larger-than-ever get-out-the-vote efforts this year.

"Our mission is educating students, through a nonpartisan lens, that voting is important," says McGinnity.

### **BEST LAID PLANS**

While voting in the 2020 election has come and gone, plans to register students and get them to the polls began well over a year ago, when Anderson and McGinnity decided UT should join a nationwide initiative called the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, an effort to nurture civic engagement on college and university campuses.

During previous election cycles, going back to 2016, Anderson and McGinnity had informally banded together to get out the vote. But involvement in ALL IN requires creating detailed goals and plans, a task Anderson and McGinnity welcomed as they set their sights on increasing voter turnout by 10%.

So they invited representatives from different parts of the UT and Tampa community (students, staff, faculty, alumni and a member of the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections office) to launch UT's first ALL IN coalition. Part of the appeal of



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> – IAN McGINNITY, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

# **Insta-Community**

"Social media is kind of my thing," says Lindsey Dickerson '19 — and that's an understatement.

As an undergrad, the communication and political science double major singlehandedly grew the Instagram presence for the UT College Republicans student organization from 10 followers to nearly 1,000 — in a year.

Her commitment to that effort confirmed for Dickerson that Instagram can be a useful platform for sharing bite-sized information in a meaningful way. That's why she decided to apply her gift for social media campaigns to this year's election with the launch of <u>@UTampaVotes</u>, a nonpartisan Instagram account that's devoted to spreading reliable information about where, when and how to vote, as well as sharing testimonial videos from faculty, staff and students about why they vote.

"My hope is that <u>@UTampaVotes</u> turns into a hub for encouraging political discourse and civic engagement on campus, even outside election years," says Dickerson, who is a sponsored research administrator at the University of South Florida and hopes to return to UT for graduate school.

A self-described centrist, the Tampa native is adamant that, as she says, "If we all sat down and had a discussion, even on the most seemingly divisive topics, we would all be a lot closer than the media and parties have us thinking, by pitting us against one another." And she believes that the first step toward progress is opening our minds — and ears. hindsey Diekerson '19 generated a voting campaign on Instagram.

So far, the account has more than 300 followers, and features infographics about registering to vote, factoids about elections and cheeky videos, including one of Ryan Welch, assistant professor of political science, talking to his, um, cat about the importance of voting.

Dickerson says the success of the Instagram effort can ultimately be measured in several ways. There are the metrics, of course — how many students register and how many actually turn out to vote. But there's also the sense of community that the page has the potential to foster.

ALL IN is that as students graduate, as faculty inevitably go on sabbatical and as staff invariably changes, the coalition can evolve — rather than disappear — so its efforts can continue into the future and new members can build on past group progress.

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Of course, there are barriers to getting college students to vote, even

in non-pandemic circumstances. A glaring one at UT is the demographic makeup of the student body: More than 50% of students come from out of state, requiring them to apply for absentee ballots or switch their voter registration to Florida. There's also the universal hurdle of competing for college students' time. "It's pretty low on their list of things to do," Anderson concedes.

UT's initial ALL IN proposal included a host of multifaceted

elements, but then COVID-19 hit — rendering many in-person plans impossible and forcing Anderson, McGinnity and the dedicated team that had rallied behind the efforts to pivot.

#### **OVERCOMING OBSTACLES**

Debate watch parties, for example, became Zoom watch parties. A guest speaker from the local Athena Society who was invited to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage gave students an online presentation. On-campus registration events were whittled down to just a handful of events, like one held on National Voter Registration Day (the fourth Tuesday of every September), which included masks and physical distancing.

"We couldn't have splashy events, so we relied more on email and social media and different communication forms, so that students would still get the information they needed," McGinnity says.

For all of the obstacles posed by the pandemic, many innovative solutions emerged. Anderson emphasizes that involving both young alumni and students in this campaign was key. "You need young people to pull this off. Students are more apt to listen to recent grads than they are to us," she says.

#### **SPREADING THE WORD**

One of those young people is Juliana Fray '21, who rose to the challenge of her campus supervisor of elections role by creating a video Q&A to address students' most pressing questions about registering to vote and getting to the polls. The video was distributed via social media and shown regularly during classes.

Others are Lindsey Dickerson '19, who led the launch of the group's Instagram account, <u>@UTampaVotes</u>, to spread information and build excitement around ongoing civic engagement, and Casey Bauer '19, who, after years of work, successfully got UT's Election Day polling place moved in 2020 to a location that's much closer: First Baptist Church, which is directly across the street from campus on West Kennedy Boulevard. (For more on Fray, Dickerson and Bauer, see the sidebars.)

Meanwhile, McGinnity and Anderson worked with their faculty/ staff network of colleagues to get out the vote in other ways.

For instance, Anderson emailed important information to all the department chairs and McGinnity made sure that brochures from the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections reached student groups, from

# **Campus Captain**

Growing up, election season was no joke in the home of Juliana Fray '21.

"We always had more signs in our front yard than any other house," Fray says. "As I got older, I realized it was because my dad was a conservative Republican and my mom was a liberal Democrat."

That politically energized upbringing ultimately led Fray to UT, where she is majoring in political science and double-minoring in law, justice and advocacy, as well as speech studies. All of which has made Fray the ideal candidate to serve as UT's second-ever campus supervisor of elections, a role created by the Student Government organization in 2019. (She's the first to serve during a national election.)

In each of Florida's 67 counties, there's a professional supervisor of elections — a person who oversees the efficiency and legality of the voting process. The campus version of the role is charged with rallying students to register and vote not just in presidential elections, but in all elections.

"It's easy to get caught up in the presidential election, but we forget that 97% of all other elections are state and local," says Fray. "It's so important to vote so that we understand who we're putting into office and to make sure that we'll have our views represented in government and politics, especially at the local level."

For her first big project, Fray did a video Q&A with Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer. It's a three-minute clip addressing the most pressing questions students have, and it aired on social media and during classes. She also plans and oversees campus elections. This fall, during the pandemic, Fray supervised the election of two first-year senators and two campus-wide senators, moving voting to an online format with the help of the Student Government organization.

For Fray, who hopes to pursue graduate studies in applied politics and political management, this role is just the beginning. "I'm really lucky that I get to trailblaze this role. This isn't just an after-school little fun thing that I get to do — it's something that I want to dedicate my life to. I want to make the world better through this work, and this is just the first stepping stone."

Juliana Fray '21, Student Government's supervisor of elections (front), and Mary Anderson, professor of political science (back), help students register to vote. 1.111

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fraternities and sororities to athletics and intramural sports teams. The two of them have also begun overseeing the creation of a handbook to be distributed to all faculty, with resources on how to incorporate civic engagement into their classrooms, whether they teach art, business, philosophy or anything else.

"The social sciences are well versed in this, but if you ask someone who teaches biology to try to infuse some of this civic discourse into their classes, they're understandably petrified to do it, because they don't want it to spin out of control," Anderson says. Developing a handbook, then, will help faculty in all disciplines navigate difficult conversations, establish ground rules and engage students across the

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curriculum on issues of responsible citizenship — not only during election years, but always.

"We've got to be willing to hear the other side," she says, referencing revered political scientist Diana Mutz's insistence, in her book, *Hearing the Other Side*, that, "If we don't hear the other side, we've lost democracy."

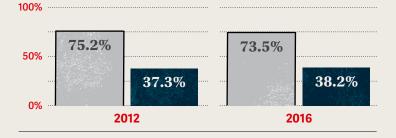
And as students who want to be heard loud and clear know well, the first stop is the voting booth.

# **Spartan Stats on Voting**

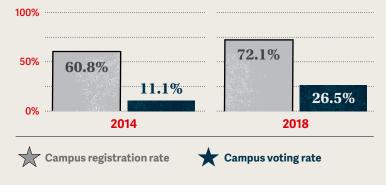
It's hard to know what grade to give a campus on its get-out-thevote efforts if there's no reliable data behind it. That's why, in 2017, UT joined the National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement, a Tufts Universitybased initiative that provides colleges and universities with stats about voter registration and turnout on campus.

What was learned: UT lags about 12 points behind other campuses, suggesting lots of potential for improvement. Data for the 2020 election won't be available until the summer, but given how much passion was poured into this year's efforts, all signs point to the numbers heading in the right direction.

### **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**



### **MIDTERM ELECTIONS**



# **Moving Target**

It was the fall of 2016, and while volunteering at the Hillary Clinton field office during her presidential campaign, Casey Bauer '19 couldn't help but notice a big, red X drawn across the UT campus on a regional map.

"What's up with this?" he questioned the campaign staffers around him. "Students don't vote," he was told. "There's not even a polling location on campus."

Bauer, who was chair of the UT College Democrats, was aghast at the prospect of the entire UT community being overlooked not just for efforts like campaigning, but for initiatives like voter registration. So he stepped up to change things.

Armed with clipboards and voter registration forms, Bauer immediately started registering students of all political ideologies. "The question everyone always asked me was, 'Now that I'm registered, where do I go to vote?" says Bauer.

The answer rattled him: Students were assigned to vote at a polling location that was two miles from campus - which may not seem far, but for students without easy access to transportation, it was a hike.

"There's already so many barriers to voting, and the look on students' faces when I told them where they'd have to go made me realize what a big issue this actually was," says Bauer.

So Bauer organized a shuttle, securing a van and enough University-insured volunteer drivers to make trips on Election Day, to and from the polling place. Still, there weren't enough seats. In 2018, Bauer doubled his efforts. Still, it wasn't enough.

He could've thrown up his hands and given up - Bauer knew he'd be graduating in 2019, and that it wouldn't technically affect him anymore. Instead, he dug in, studying precinct boundaries and (politely) pestering the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections to consider changing the location. His work paid off: This Election Day,

students were able to vote at First Baptist

WE LOVE OUR CITY Coalition members Ian McGinnity, director of the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement, student Toni-lee Brown '22 and alumnus Casey Bauer '19 stand in front of the new Election Day

Church on West Kennedy Boulevard, across the street from campus. "I think a lot of young people are turned off by politics or don't trust it," says Bauer, who's now a data director at NextGen America, a political action committee that targets 18- to 35-yearolds, making sure they get out and vote. "I wanted to at least show that, look, it takes a lot of time to finally see the changes you want, but it can actually happen."

polling place for on-campus students.

# IN A CLASS OF HEROWN

High school math teacher Ashley Kearney '12, who is improving outcomes for students in her hometown of Washington, D.C., won the nation's highest honor for STEM education.

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t the beginning of each algebra and calculus class, Ashley Kearney '12 doesn't dive right into numbers. First, she looks at the faces of her 18 students

(since the pandemic, through a computer screen) and runs a "mood meeting." Everyone talks about how they're doing and what's motivating them.

"Students bring a lot to class with them," says Kearney, who teaches at Ron Brown College Preparatory High School, an all-male public school that serves about 261 students in Ward 7 of Washington, D.C. — near Ward 8, where she went to elementary school.

She doesn't just teach math; she stresses the importance of attendance and pushes students to see themselves as capable. "If you come in with assumptions that the students can't perform, then you start teaching them like they can't," says Kearney, who is constantly asking: How can I raise the rigor of the content?

Another goal is teaching them power structures. When students complain, she challenges them to ask: Is this a city council issue? A school board issue? "I want them to use their voices and understand that they're in charge of their educational experience. They don't have to just accept problems," she says.

And she leads by example. Frustrated by the school's lack of an A.P. calculus course, Kearney — who spends many evenings at community meetings with a group that she helped form, D.C. Education Coalition for Change — figured out how to add one.

One person who has always been impressed by her perseverance and dedication is Benjamin Williams, the former principal of her school who worked with her for three years. "I've never been around an educator who lives in her purpose the way that Ms. Kearney does. She truly believes that every young person that walks into her space can achieve," he says.



Kearney's extra efforts were recognized this past year. In February, she was chosen as the 2020 Teacher of the Year by D.C. Public Schools, and in August, she was one of 107 U.S. educators who won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, the country's highest honor for teaching those subjects (grades seven through 12). The latter award has been administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy every year since 1983.

"I feel honored to have received a national award. In my head, I was like: Is this really happening?" says Kearney. "With the award comes access, and that's often a barrier for both educators and students of color."

#### **FINDING HER PATH**

Kearney knows Washington, D.C., well because it's where she spent most of her early childhood. Just before middle school, her family moved to rural Georgia, where her grandparents owned land and were involved with a local African Methodist Episcopal church. "We would do a lot of programming for the community — anything that related to uplifting people, particularly people of color," she says. The second-oldest of five siblings, Kearney developed discipline in high school, while her parents were often assigned 12-hour night shifts as factory workers. She kept busy as the point guard of her basketball team, was elected class president all four years, worked as a part-time bookkeeper at a local grocery store and volunteered for her city's first Black mayor.

She found herself enjoying and excelling in math classes, even when she was sometimes the only Black person and the only woman in the class. "There were English classes that I had taken. When I would write papers and try to explain things from my perspective, sometimes they were graded very subjectively or the teacher didn't see the value of the thought. Math was the one place where it was very much like this universal language that you can't really say is wrong. You can debate the process, but you can't debate the answer," she says.

Kearney had initially dreamed of becoming a sports agent, and UT's sport management program appealed to her. She found her best friends on campus as president of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority. "To be surrounded by people who look like you, are just as educated, just as motivated and then Ashley Kearney '12, left, teaching an algebra class in February 2020 at Ron Brown College Preparatory High School "I've never been around an educator who lives in her purpose the way that Ms. Kearney does. She truly believes that every young person who walks into her space can achieve."

- BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, THE FORMER PRINCIPAL OF KEARNEY'S SCHOOL

pull you up, give you all the information that you need, support you and teach you how to be a woman — it was transformational," she says.

Another transformational moment occurred when taking a job at Academy Prep Center of Tampa, a nonprofit middle school in Ybor City that serves students qualifying for need-based scholarships. She started tutoring math students and loved it so much that she skipped going home to Georgia so she could keep working there every summer.

Though she won an award from the Department of Sport Management and was offered a job in the industry in Naples, FL, before graduating from UT, her heart was no longer in it. Once her supervisor in the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement, Megan Frisque, showed her a brochure for Teach for America — a nonprofit that places teachers in low-income schools in places like D.C. — her path was clear.

### **PUTTING IN THE WORK**

Kearney has been teaching math in D.C. for eight years (the first two were with Teach for America). She spent one year at Ron Brown Middle School, four years at Anacostia High School and is now in her fourth year at Ron Brown College Preparatory High School, a high school that's named after the first Black U.S. commerce secretary.

She's dealt with many challenges along the way, including high turnover, especially among principals. "It was hard to deal with because you would build all these relationships and you would have these initiatives and you would have these initiatives and then someone would come in and have their own initiatives and you'd have to switch gears — and also try to hold onto the progress you'd made," she says.

But she's watched with joy over the years as her enthusiasm for advocacy has spread at her schools. For example, one student government group decided to raise money to hire an artist to give a presentation to boost mental health and collaborate with alumni for a homecoming parade.

And it's not just students who benefit from her encouragement and commitment. Kearney, who got her master's in curriculum and instruction from Johns Hopkins University at night, has devoted a lot of time to coaching her fellow teachers, sharing helpful resources with them and furthering their professional development to raise the level of teaching throughout each school.

Though virtual instruction is particularly "exhausting" — especially when teaching young men with high energy who love horseplay — it's also fun. She finds inspiration through her students, who gave her a standing ovation and screamed her name during a pre-pandemic assembly when her Teacher of the Year award was announced. A couple of them have already told her that they want to become math teachers someday, and some recent graduates message her on Instagram: "My college math class is too easy!"

What else drives Kearney: her idols, like Mary McLeod Bethune, a child of former slaves who opened her own school and became a world-renowned educator and civil rights leader. "It all comes from wanting people to have access. The one thing I can give back that I'm also good at, where I know I can make a difference, is math. A lot of times people grow up saying, 'I'm not a math person,' and we get to change that. And by changing that, you're changing so many other options — that person might decide to go into engineering," she says.

After boosting her own trajectory, Kearney is now helping hundreds of young people reach new heights. Perhaps someday she'll become an administrator — but only if she can keep teaching part-time.

One thing is clear: Whatever she does will add up to excellence.  $\blacklozenge$ 



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"I used to love sitting on the east verandah of

Plant Hall — especially on those days near the end of the semester when everyone else was

panicking in preparation for finals. Cup of coffee

from the Rat, a thick volume of mindless history and perhaps a little sunshine. Always worked

### **CLASS NOTES**

## 1960s

Ralph Petty '67 and his wife, Connie, celebrated their 50th anniversary in August.

Miriam Toland '67 competes as a harness horse driver and won a race with the horse Fleetwood Hall at Vernon Downs in New York in July. She was written about in <u>harnessracingupdate.com</u>.

# **1970**s

Robert Brierley '73 was honored with the United States Professional Tennis Association's District 2019 Pro of the Year Award for Florida Division in District 7B.

A documentary is being filmed about the late **John Matuszak '73**, who was a professional football player and actor. He was the first overall pick in the 1973 NFL Draft, and as an actor, he is best known as playing Sloth in the 1985 movie *The Goonies*.

**Col. Harold Youmans '74** was honored this past September by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as the Veteran of the Day.



Thomas Frinzi '78 was appointed to the Board of Directors of the STAAR Surgical Company in June. Frinzi formerly served as the worldwide president, surgical, at Johnson & Johnson Vision.

# 1980s

Stephen Madonna '82 co-authored the e-book entitled Pre-K Attachment and Parental Love.

Aileen Black '83 was named senior vice president of public sector for Collibra, a data intelligence company, in July. Most recently, she built Google's public sector, and under her leadership, the public sector revenue became one of the fastest-growing regions worldwide. Previously, at VMware, she expanded her

# PRE-K Attachment and Parental love

for me."



An e-book written by Stephen Madonna '82

team from four to more than 300 and grew revenues from \$8 million to \$500 million in eight years. Black has engaged policy leaders in the U.S., Europe and NATO on cloud policy and data center consolidation initiatives, was recognized as a Federal 100 honoree, is a two-time winner of CRN's Most Powerful Women of the Channel and is currently a co-host of "Leaders and Legends" on Federal News Radio.

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FROM MICHAEL S. BOWEN '00

FACEBOOK PAGE IN SEPTEMBER 2020



Beth Lindsay-Wood '84

**Beth Lindsay-Wood '84** started her role as vice president and chief information officer

# FROM THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

Visit the UT Alumni Association on the newly renovated website at <u>ut.edu/alumni</u>. Here, you will find a variety of resources, including alumni benefits, submission pages for address updates or class notes, UT publications, information about the alumni board, the alumni event calendar and more. Staying connected to UT is now easier than ever! (No login is required.)

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for Moffitt Cancer Center, a Tampa-based cancer center focused on the prevention and cure of the disease, in June. She will oversee Moffitt's IT infrastructure, clinical informatics, cybersecurity and IT applications throughout the enterprise. She was also named a 2020 CIO of the Year Honoree by the Tampa Bay Business Journal.

**Bill Forrest '85** came back to UT in August — but this time as a parent dropping off his son, William, a first-year student. William's older sister, Lindsey, is a senior at UT. Forrest joined UT's Family Association Board of Directors.

Barry Curewitz '86, MBA '88

is owner of Closet POSSI-BLE, a company that solves messy rooms and the anxiety they cause by designing and installing custom storage solutions.

John Stargel '87 was appointed in July by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis to the state's Second District Court of Appeal. He was previously a judge of the Tenth Circuit and a member of the Florida House of Representatives. He received his law degree from the Florida State University College of Law.



Freddie Langiotti '88

Freddie Langiotti '88, a former professional baseball player for the St. Louis Cardinals, joined RE/MAX Alliance Group as a member of the Ramos Professionals Group in the South Tampa office.

#### Gayla Todd MBA '89 joined

the Citadel's Tommy and Victoria Baker School of Business in Charleston, SC, as a faculty member for the 2020-2021 year in the management and entrepreneurship department in August. Todd recently earned her Doctor of Business Administration from Saint Leo University in Florida after 29 years of business experience, working globally for multiple software solution and technology companies. Her doctoral research was

about the retention of women in STEM occupations.

### **1990**s

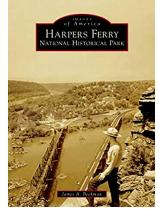
James Beckman '90 authored a book called Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, a volume in a series entitled "Images of America" that was published in August by Arcadia Publishing. The book focuses on the establishment of the park by President Roosevelt in 1944 through the modern day. It is available for purchase on Amazon.com. Beckman is a professor of legal studies at the University of Central Florida and is a former UT faculty member.

Paul Heth '90 and Penny Parks MBA '93 were two of the people named to UT's Board of Trustees in September. See story, page 5.

Michael Wildstein '90 was appointed as co-manager of the Delaware Enhanced Global Dividend and Income Fund, a New York Stock Exchange-listed closed-end fund that trades under the symbol "DEX," in September.

#### Susan (Campbell) Harrell '91 wrote to the UT Journal

in July about former music



A new book written by James Beckman '90

faculty member Judith (Patterson) Edberg, who recently passed away. She wrote that Edberg "was not only chair of UT's Department of Music for many years, but was instrumental in building UT's pre-college music program, which was where I first became her student while in high school. She was my favorite professor, and although I had not kept in touch with her over the years, now that I am a piano teacher myself, I think of her often and use the many things she taught me in my own studio. For me, Professor Edberg is synonymous with all the things UT strives for in its faculty - a great teacher, mentor, advocate and role model."

# FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that there's a thriving and growing community of more than 5,800 UT alumni who follow The University of Tampa Alumni Association's Facebook page? Check it out at <u>@utalumni</u>.

**SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT** 

## **The Diversity Trainer**

**Starr Brookins '07** 

It was Valentine's Day, 2005. Starr Brookins '07, then a UT student, was driving her boyfriend in his Lexus to a restaurant when she got pulled over. A police officer aggressively asked, "Did you steal this car?" while she gripped the steering wheel and cried.

Fast forward a few years to when Brookins received a merit scholarship to George Washington University Law School, one of the top 25 law schools in the U.S., and was told to her face by a white lawyer, "Must be great being Black."

Those are two of many experiences that have made Brookins feel "less than human" and have motivated her to become not only a lawyer who fights against injustices — but also a diversity trainer.

Brookins, who was the salutatorian of her high school and graduated magna cum laude from UT in three years, is an associate legal advisor for the Orange County Property Appraiser in Florida and a hearing officer in Hillsborough County. She was also recently the co-chair of the diversity and inclusion committee of the Hillsborough Association of Women Lawyers.

Through the latter role, at a February conference with dozens in attendance, she led two powerful trainings. One was "Coming Out Stars," on how to be an ally and advocate for the LGBTQ community, and the other was "Talking Boldly: How to Overcome Our Biases? Walk Boldly Toward Them," on asking uncomfortable questions related to race. "You're not going to get past biases until you confront them," says Brookins.

In these sessions, she encouraged people to talk about their cultures and how they grew up. "Then people may see the commonalities — like I'm white and you're Black, but we were raised with the same values," says Brookins.

This unifying skillset was honed at UT, where she chaired the Diversity Fellowship — which was

a student organization in the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement — in her last year.

A military brat who grew up watching *Matlock* with her great-grandmother, Brookins has wanted to become a judge ever since she was chosen by fellow students in elementary school to be a peer mediator.

"I've seen the impact a judge can have. A bad judge can make people feel like they're not heard. I've always been compassionate, and I love helping people through problems," says Brookins, who majored in criminology and criminal justice, and was named "One to Watch" by *Best Lawyers* in August.

In fact, Brookins, who started her legal career in the child welfare field, felt such a bond with a teen who was on her caseload that she adopted her. Shamarae, who is now 25 and working in Orlando, can't wait to see Brookins on the bench someday.

-JANE BIANCHI





Joel Haas '93

Joel Haas '93 was featured in an article in Authority Magazine called "5 Things I Wish Someone Told Me Before I Started Leading a Cannabis Business." Haas has helped create, develop and program two comedy channels for SiriusXM Satellite Radio, he started his own comedy record label called Hahaas Comedy (which creates comedy ringtones, text tones, alerts and alarms) and he created a video podcast called High Speed Dining. More information about his latest journeys can be found at StonerFoodCritic.com.

Sean Coniglio '94 is the managing partner at HCP Associates, a business that specializes in research, strategy, and marketing consulting and implementation.

#### Michele Santostefano

Williers '94 was named executive director of PEAK Parent Center, a nonprofit that serves families and self-advocates across Colorado and beyond, in September. The nonprofit is committed to ensuring that people with all types of disabilities can be fully included in their neighborhood schools and communities. Previously, Williers served as the co-founder and COO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America of Essex, Hudson and Union counties.

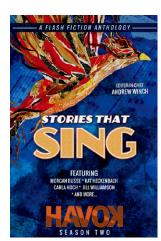
Anthony Roberts '95 has been working at Nielsen as an operations analyst since November 2018, after 22 years at Time Inc.

**Evan Fetter '96** is the president/founder of Lower My Texas Property Taxes LLC. He files property tax protests across Texas with the different appraisal districts for each county that he has clients in. He's also the parent of a first-year UT student and recently joined UT's Family Association Board of Directors, which is a branch of the Board of Trustee's Development Committee.



Christina O'Brien '96

Christina O'Brien '96 was appointed to the Family Law Rules Committee of the Florida Bar in July. The committee is comprised of lawyers, judiciary, state senators, state representatives and the governor in an effort to enhance the procedural and substantive laws governing Florida's family law matters. O'Brien is a stockholder in the Fort Myers, FL, office of the law firm Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. She received her law degree from Florida State University in 2000.



Book cover art by Kat Heckenbach '97

Kat Heckenbach '97. of Valrico, FL, was a featured author in an anthology called Stories That Sing: Havok Season Two, which includes her young adult story, "A Fly on the Wall." The anthology, which was published in April by Havok Publishing, contains flash fiction and speculative fiction stories that are inspired by songs. The cover of the anthology features her mixed media painting of a phoenix, which won a third-place ribbon at the Florida State Fair Fine Arts Competition in February and Best in Show at the Tampa Sci-Fi/Fantasy Convention – Necronomicon – in October 2019.

**Russell Bruno '98** is the CEO of Assorted Design, a business that specializes in web design, web hosting and web marketing.

Mari (Radlo) Foley '99 earned a doctorate in business administration with a concentration in strategy and innovation in March from Capella University in Minneapolis, MN. Her dissertation title was "Digital Disruption: Exploring Effects on the Manufacturing Environment."

## 2000s

Robin Franke '00 started a new position in September as research director with AMC Global, an international custom market research firm specializing in launch strategies and brand tracking. She previously worked on the account and team development for AMC Global.

**Megan Tingle '01** is co-founder of Enrich Missions, an organization that works with students living in extreme poverty in Nicaragua to provide nutrition, educational resources and medical care.



Chris Willman MBA '01

Chris Willman MBA '01

became senior vice president, commercial real estate relationship manager, at United Community Bank in September. He's responsible for sourcing and managing financing opportunities related to commercial real estate across Florida. Willman was written about in the Savannah Business Journal. Amanda Breiter '02 is the founder of Glow Breiter Beauty LLC, a company that hand-makes small-batch sugar scrubs and body oils made with highly nourishing oils and clean fragrances.

#### Jenna Schebell '02, MBA '04

is the founder and owner of Moose Oliver Designs, which sells unique home décor and gifts that are custom-made. For more information on her and her products, see the feature story on page 12.

Drew Townsend '02 is the owner of The Naples Studio/ First Class Aerials, a video production company that won four awards in May at the 41st annual Telly Awards, which honor excellence in video and TV. He was written about in the Naples Florida Weekly.

#### Sam Osman '03 was

appointed to the Board of Advisors for CREO Inc., a management consulting and advisory firm for businesses in the life sciences, health care and technology industries. The company is based in Durham, NC. He holds an MSc in economics from the London School of Economics and an MBA with distinction from Carnegie Mellon University. Osman was named to the PharmaVoiceTop 100 Leaders in Healthcare, the *Triangle Business Journal* 40 Under 40 in 2019 and the Top 25 Entrepreneurs in the State of Pennsylvania.

#### Viancca Burger Williams

**'03** started a new position in July as the director of fraternity and sorority life at UCF and earned a doctorate this year in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in higher education administration from USF.

Lauren Thomas Compton MBA '04 became the new president of Thomas Financial, an insurance solutions firm in Tampa, in June. As president, Compton is responsible for revenue growth, operations and finance. She's a chartered life underwriter and certified financial planner who has been at the firm for the last 16 years.

Adam Jones '04, chief revenue officer for the Miami Marlins Major League Baseball team, was named to the South Florida Business Journal's 2020 "Forty Under 40" list. Brianna Kluckman '04 has been promoted to lieutenant colonel of the Forces Command, Leader Development in the U.S. Army.

### Lisa Castilho MBA '05 was

named chief financial officer for Cloverland Electric Cooperative in September. She has more than 25 years of experience working in a variety of industries including government, nonprofit organizations, media production, hospitality, business-to-business services, travel, health care and public accounting. She was written about in the Sault Ste. Marie Evening News.

Desyre Chilipko '05 is the founder, CEO and lead designer of Lil' D Designs, which does print-related design work such as invitations for special occasions, promotional pieces and logos.

Elizabeth '05 and Phil Pierre-Saint '06 are the owners of Dueling Cups Coffee & Tea House, an online store (<u>duelingcups.com</u>) that sells roasted coffee from Florida and specialty loose-leaf teas from around the world. The company is diligent in the



Elizabeth '05 and Phil Pierre-Saint '06

pursuit of offering the best quality coffee and teas that are part of Transparent Trade and Fair Trade.

Marcus Bright '06 is district administrator with the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, a school-system based dropout prevention and mentorship program that serves thousands of boys in Florida. For more on Bright's achievements, see the profile on page 10.

**Evan Schwartz '06** was featured in an article by the *Journal Inquirer* about the popular bar/restaurant that he owns, Rooftop 120, in Glastonbury, CT.

Darryl Horton '07 was promoted to Supervisor II as an occupational medicine nurse practitioner at MS Technology Specialists. He's pursuing his doctor of nursing practice

## FIND A GREAT INTERN OR NEW HIRE

UT's third annual Career Connections series will be hosted virtually in the spring semester. If you're an alumnus in the greater New York City, Boston or Washington, D.C., area, share your career experience with current UT students. Email <u>alumni@ut.edu</u> to learn more and RSVP.

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## The Children's Advocate

**Charles F. Scherer '02** 

Near the beginning of his career, as a child protective investigator with the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), Charles Scherer '02 saw a lot that broke his heart. Like the time he entered the home of an 8-yearold girl and her mother, who was suffering from addiction, regularly inviting in drug dealers and putting her daughter in danger. What was worse: The mother denied any wrongdoing.

But a year later, something happened that Scherer will never forget. He was visiting a jail to see a client and that same mother spotted him. By that point, she was sober and had become a trusted inmate who was responsible for cleaning. She told him, 'You probably don't remember me, but I want to thank you. You saved my life.' And then she hugged him.

"I was shocked," says Scherer. "It was a good reminder that what I do impacts someone's life at the end of the day. It is an honor to serve the most vulnerable in giving a child a voice that will be heard."



Throughout his 15 years at DCF, Scherer earned six promotions. In 2019, he moved from that state agency to Children's Home Society of Florida, a statewide nonprofit that has been a leader in serving children since 1902 and is a driver of child well-being through its child welfare, early childhood education, behavioral health and community solution programs. Scherer is regional executive director, leading operations and business development. In September, he was named to oversee the SunCoast region (Tampa Bay to Marco Island), in addition to the Broward and Palm Beach regions.

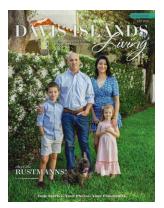
His impressive accomplishments were featured by his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, in its "Road to Greatness" column online this past June. Being treasurer and risk manager of Phi Delta Theta's Florida Theta Chapter is one of Scherer's fondest memories from his time at UT, along with being a judge on the traffic court and making everlasting friendships.

A government and world affairs major, he always felt a pull toward a career in public service. In fact, one class speaker at UT inspired him so much that it led to a semester-long internship in his senior year for U.S. Representative Jim Davis in Washington, D.C. During his time in D.C., Scherer was passionate about advocating for support of federal legislation that would prevent discrimination in hiring and employment on the basis of sexual orientation.

Scherer, who is originally from a small town in Ohio called Ironton and lives with his partner, Frank, in West Palm Beach, FL, was drawn to UT while visiting a family member in Florida and driving by the University's iconic minarets. "I was like, what in the world is that?" says Scherer. "I knew I had to find out more. And I'm so glad I did!"

-JANE BIANCHI

degree at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.



Trey Rustmann MBA '07 and his family

Trey Rustmann MBA '07 and his family (his wife, Amanda, and his two children: Titus, 9, and Aria, 3) were featured in the July issue of *Davis Islands Living* magazine, a Tampa publication. Rustmann is a technology executive for Campus Management Corporation, a company that provides software and services to colleges, universities, foundations and other companies.



Elizabeth Rheaume '08 on her wedding day in Plant Hall

**Elizabeth Rheaume '08** got married at UT in January.



Samantha Brooks '09

Samantha Brooks '09 joined Palmer Holland's CASE team as a marketing director in August. Palmer Holland is a chemical and fine ingredient distributor in North America. Her responsibilities include leading industry communication initiatives and supporting business management in arming the sales team with expanded commercial insight.



A new children's book by Danielle Cohen '09

Danielle Cohen '09 released her first children's book, *Opal the Unicorn Loses Her Sparkles*, in August. The lesson of the book is that everyone has unique qualities, and it teaches self-confidence. It's available to purchase on <u>Amazon.com</u>.



Andrew Learned '09

Andrew Learned '09 ran for Florida House District 59 and won. He owns the GradePower Learning center in Valrico, FL, where he and his team of teachers help kids catch up and get ahead in school. He's served as an officer in the U.S. Navy for 11 years and is now a reservist with Special Operations Command Central at MacDill Air Force Base.



Melissa Assencoa '10 and friends on her wedding day

### 2010s

Melissa Assencoa '10 married Anthony Ferrara on New Year's Eve surrounded by her sisters from the Sigma Delta Tau Sorority: Cara Marzilli '10, Nicole Caouette '11, Arielle Monserez '12, Kasia Shutowich '10, Alyssa Salagaj '11, Caroline Diamand '08, Adrianna Lauricella '09 and Daniela Urso '11.

Lisa Barton Figueroa '10 is an instructor for Desert Stage Theatre Academy's SCRIPT WORK program in Scottsdale, AZ, where she teaches how to use scripts to practice developing characters. She's appeared in more than 60 productions there and has been directing youth and teen shows there for eight years.



Jason Raphael '10

Jason Raphael '10, chief delivery officer at Bridge Connector, a company that changes the way health care communicates with full-service reliable system integrations, announced the company's Series B funding of \$25.5 million, which will help further the company's growth.

Maria Ruiseco MBA '10 is the CEO and founder of Qanya, a beverage produced in Brazil that's made from pressed cane water, fruit and herbs. For more information on her and her product, see the feature story on page 12.

Ryan Thompson '10, assistant coach and goalkeeping director at Austin Bold FC (a team that's part of the United Soccer League), earned his National A-Senior License from U.S. Soccer.

Rhiannon Klee Williams '10 is a landscape artist who creates watercolor paintings that are inspired by her adventures in the mountains and the desert.

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For more information on her and her art, see the feature story on page 12.

Michaela Breski '11 joined Nanticoke Memorial Hospital in Seaford, DE, as a physician assistant in August. Breski specializes in gastroenterology and earned her master of health science degree in physician assistant studies from Lock Haven University in Lock Haven, PA.

Colleen Cherry '11, a singer, actor, songwriter and ukulele player, raised \$1,440 during a mid-May fundraiser for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Tampa Bay by writing personalized pet songs. Owners would share photos and details of their pets on social media with Cherry, who would then churn out a song and post it on Facebook in exchange for a \$5 minimum donation. In one week, she wrote and recorded 61 tunes about dogs, cats, birds and even one duck. Cherry is a volunteer program manager at the organization.



Luke Edgecombe '11

Luke Edgecombe '11 joined the White River Health System in Batesville, AR, as a general surgeon in September. He earned an M.D. from American University of the Caribbean and completed his general surgeon residency at the Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, NY.

Laurel McCann '11 started her own business, Tutoring With a Twist LLC, which integrates art into learning.

Clint Mourino '11 is the owner of Sharp Edge Entertainment in Tampa and volunteered his talents as a director and videographer to produce a music video called Voice Your Vote 2020 with the hopes of increasing voter turnout in Florida during the most recent election. It's an inspiring video that brought together 30 creative people in Tampa Bay to develop original music. It can be viewed at this link: youtube.com/ watch?v=TUnogSwFaaw

Andrea Tuttle '11 is the owner of RoyalT Weddings LLC. She's a wedding coordinator based in Frisco, TX, who can plan a wedding from start to finish or just help with the wedding day to make sure everything runs smoothly.



Brushee, a dental product created by Ian Berry '12

**Ian Berry '12** was featured in a July *Tampa Bay Times* article about Brushee: an onthe-go dental product that he created. It has a toothbrush on one end and a removable toothpick and floss strip on the other — and the whole thing is small enough to fit in your pocket. The product, which is made from 52% recyclable materials, launched in November 2019, and Berry sold between 10,000 and 15,000 within the first month.

Sophie Erber '12 joined the news team at the KCAU television station in Sioux City, IA.

Ashley Kearney '12 received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, the nation's highest honor for pre-college STEM teaching, in August. She is a math teacher at Ron Brown College Preparatory High School in Washington, D.C. She was one of this year's class of 107 winners. To learn more about her accomplishments and her advocacy for educational equity, read the feature story on page 28.



Joscelyn (Cooper) Rodriguez '12 and her husband, Josue Rodriguez, on their wedding day

Joscelyn (Cooper) Rodriguez '12 married Josue Rodriguez at The Tate House in Atlanta just before the pandemic hit. While Rodriguez was a UT student, they first met through mutual friends at a party at Bulls Club, a Tampa hangout. Her wedding was covered by Essence.com.



Mike Trobiano '12

Mike Trobiano '12, founder of Dash Creative Group in Tampa, was featured in a *Tampa Bay Business Journal* article in March about how businesses are adapting their messaging during the pandemic. His company helps with branding, website and app design, logos and retail experiences.



Melinda Kern '13

Melinda Kern '13 was named in July as a two-year fellow in the Barbara A. Ringer Copyright Honors Program in the U.S. Copyright Office in Washington, D.C. The program offers promising early-career copyright lawyers an opportunity to work on a variety of advanced legal and policy issues. Kern earned her law degree in 2017 at the George Washington University Law School, where she was a member of the Latin American Law Students Association, and then served as a law clerk at the U.S. Copyright Office.

Jonathon D. Marks '13 graduated from Morsani College of Medicine at USF in May and became an internal medicine resident there in July.



Kristen Mathe '13

Kristen Mathe '13 has been promoted to agent at Degy Entertainment, a booking agency for concerts and events worldwide.

Liz Anthony '14, M.S. '15 is the founder and CEO of Liz Anthony Nutrition, which creates sweet treat alternatives that are nutritious and delicious. For more on her and her products, see the feature story on page 12.

Matt Fitterer '14 is the founder of the Sheets & Giggles board game. For more about him and his product, see the feature story on page 12.

Ebonie (Carter) Megibow '14 earned a master's degree in public health with a concentration in maternal and child health from the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University in May. She is a research analyst at Urban Institute and co-wrote a post on her organization's blog, Urban Wire, titled "Three Ways COVID-19 Is Further Jeopardizing Black Maternal Health."

Craig Warzecha '14 is the general manager of the Flor-

ida State League's Bradenton Marauders, a Minor League Baseball team. He was written about in the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* in July.

Nathan Black '15 and Juliette Diaz '15 announced their engagement this year. The couple got engaged on campus in Plant Park in front of the Sticks of Fire sculpture.

Amanee Cabbagestalk '15 was published in *The Baltimore Sun* for her commentary about her high school, "Institute of Notre Dame Created Lasting Memories for This Graduate." She is an admissions counselor at UT and earned a master's degree in instructional design and technology from UT this month.

**Morgan Conlin '15** is the founder of Titanium Social, a small digital marketing agency in the Tampa Bay area.



Kaitlin Delaney '15

Kaitlin Delaney '15 recently graduated from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in the top 10% of her class. Delaney was one of four students in her class chosen to be a part of the Diamond Scholars Program, and was selected to be in Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Society, Gamma Pi Delta Prosthodontic Honor Society, and the Gorgas Odontological Honor Society.

David J. Ebner MFA '15, along with six other graduates from UT's MFA in Creative Writing program - Chelsea Catherine MFA '15, Alyssa Christian MFA '15, Connor Holmes MFA '14, Steven Howell MFA '15, Susan Ishmael MFA '16 and Riley Manning MFA '16 - teamed up to build an educational platform for creative individuals to thrive in today's economy. It helps them find career paths in industries such as copywriting and graphic design. It's called EDU by Content Workshop, and it launched in August. Check it out at edu.contentworkshop.com.

Robyn Hurrell '15, managing director at Colliers International (a company that focuses on commercial real estate services and investment management), was named to the Tampa Bay Business Journal's 2020 "40 Under 40" list in September.

Josh Morrison '15 is a performance analyst with the Cleveland Indians. When the pandemic hit, he began working with players through Zoom video conferencing. He was profiled in the Nevada Appeal.

Latifatu Seini '15, M.S. '19 is the founder and CEO of Flaunt Ankara, an authentic African print clothing business. For more on her and her products, see the feature story on page 12.

Dennis Seslar MBA '15 was promoted to project executive with KAST Construction in West Palm Beach, FL, in June. Seslar is a licensed general contractor who has been with the company for five years.

Alex Wright '15, M.S. '18 and his wife, Sheila Suhar, are opening an indoor-outdoor dog bar called Pup's Pub in South Tampa. They were written about in the *Tampa Bay Business Journal* in September.

**Courtnay Buntyn '16** recently graduated from Georgia State University with a master's degree in public administration. As a UT student, she helped start the Dean of Students Diversity Advisory Group.

**Col. Paul Linzey MFA '16** was honored with two awards in 2019: the first-place Peach Award from the North Georgia Christian Writer's Conference and the first-place Gold Medal award from the Florida Writers Association's Royal Palm Literary Award Competition. He was awarded for his book, *Safest Place in Iraq: Experiencing God During War*, which is available to purchase at paullinzey.com/books.

Augusto Vidales Martelo '16, M.S. '19 is working as a digital marketing specialist at Path Interactive in Nashville, TN.

**Dimitra Nikiforides '16** is the founder of Holographic

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Hippie, a spiritual shop that sells crystal jewelry, sacred wall hangings, candles and more. For more information on her and her products, see the feature story on page 12.

#### Ronice Barlow MBA '17

joined UT's Board of Trustees in September. Barlow is senior vice president, head of strategic planning and business development and cohead of internal sales for U.S. Advisory Services at Franklin Templeton Investments.

#### Coleman Flentge '17

received the Ida S. Baker Diversity Educator of the Year award from Walden Lake Elementary School in Plant City, FL. This award is voted on by all staff members of the school. He's pursuing a master's degree in choral conducting at Florida State University and serves as the part-time director of handbells and children's choirs at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Tampa.

## Neema Komba MBA '17 is

the co-author of the study Connecting Africa: Perspectives for Energy, Transport, Digitalization, and Research and Innovation, which was commissioned and published by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. Komba is a doctoral student at the Hanken School of Economics in Finland.

**Dylan Pasco '17** started a brand new position as global wealth and investment management senior operations representative at Bank of America.



Alexa Putillo '17

Alexa Putillo '17 joined North Florida Land Trust, a nonprofit that seeks to protect the natural resources and historic places of North Florida, as a stewardship intern this fall. She's responsible for developing virtual outreach programs, as well as monitoring and maintaining Bogey Creek Preserve. Putillo earned an M.S. in aquatic environmental science from Florida State University earlier this year, and her graduate research focused on the health and diet of juvenile green sea turtles in the Bahamas.

Gianna Russo MFA '17 was appointed by Tampa Mayor Jane Castor '81 as the city's first Wordsmith, a two-year honorary position. Russo, a third-generation Tampa native, will bring creative workshops, readings and other projects to communities throughout Tampa. She's a published poet who developed and instituted the creative writing program at Tampa's Blake Magnet School of the Arts, and since 2011, she has been a faculty member in the department of language studies and the arts at Saint Leo University. She was written about in the Tampa Bay Times newspaper in September.

Kelly Anne Smith '17 was quoted in a Finder.com article in September on former Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's legacy. She's a staff writer on personal finance for Forbes Advisor. She said, "RBG's work has made it possible for us to speak directly to women about big-picture personal finance topics - like building wealth, becoming a homeowner and even being the family breadwinner. Women don't sit on the sidelines in their financial lives, and through RBG's work, we have the opportunity to have direct dialogue on how they can achieve financial greatness."

## Joseph Allen Costa MFA '18 wrote a book called *Comets* that was published in July by Unsolicited Press. The 12-story linked fiction collection is set in Ybor City.

**Taylor Cunningham '18** is a safety diver and marine biologist with One Ocean Diving in Hawaii.

Francisco Oller Garcia MBA '18 wrote an article in June for Benefits Pro, a website that provides news, resources and tools to professionals in the benefits industry. It's called: "Answering the Call to Meet Industry Challenges." This year, he was recognized as a 2020 "40 Under 40 Honoree" by the Tampa Bay Business Journal, a "Top 10 Marketing Operations Leader" by Chatfunnels and one of Tampa Bay Inno's "Under 25" entrepreneurs/innovators. Garcia serves on the **Digital Marketing Advisory** 

Board for USF and serves as the marketing chair for UT's Board of Counselors for 2020-2021.

Kendra Plant M.S. '18 is a doctoral student at New York Chiropractic College.

Aislinn Sroczynski '18 was a summer associate at the law firm Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman PC in Philadelphia, PA, during this past summer.

In February, **Casey Bauer '19** was named data director at NextGen America, a progressive advocacy nonprofit and political action committee that mobilizes young voters. He was instrumental in moving UT's polling location closer for residential students. For more information on his accomplishments, see the feature story on <u>page 20</u>.

Lindsey Dickerson '19 is a sponsored research administrator at USF and volunteered to coordinate an Instagram campaign to help increase student voting at UT. For more information on her achievements, see the feature story on page 20.

Andrew Kew '19 signed another one-year deal with the New England Black Wolves of the National Lacrosse League (NLL) in July. In 2019, Kew was drafted by the team as the third overall pick in the NLL Entry Draft. During his rookie season, he was a Rookie of the Year finalist and earned a spot on the NLL All-Rookie Team. The native of Ontario, Canada, finished that season with 15 goals, 27 assists and 42 total points.

**Taylor Krug '19, MBA '19** is the owner of Pinworthy Design, a virtual interior design company. For more information on her and her services, see the feature story on page 12.

Shaun Nestor '19 wrote an article for <u>phillysportsnet-</u> <u>work.com</u> called "Walker Makes Phillies Roster; Forsythe and Liriano Released" in July. He's a sports information graduate assistant at West Chester University, where he's earning a master's in public administration with a graduate certificate in sport management and athletics.

In August, **Justin Pate '19** was named financial analyst at Vision Point Capital, a Tampa-based company that provides investment banking, business valuation, exit planning and Employee Stock Ownership Plan services to help clients grow their businesses.

Erika Petersen M.S. '19 and Andrea Fonseca M.S. '19 are co-founders of D4U Design For You, a company that focuses on the design and development of e-learning and instructional videos.

Gabriella Rezex '19 is the co-founder of PowderRx, a kit that repairs broken, powder-based makeup. For more about her and her product, see the feature story on page 12.

**Bert Seither M.S. '19** is the co-founder of Optimo Fitness Ergonomics. The company

sells Optimo Grips, grips used on bars and handles while you are lifting weights. Seither was recently named an entrepreneur-in-residence at UT. For more about him and his product, see the feature story on page 12.

#### Patchanit Sriviroch '19

helped design the logo for Super Bowl LV, which will be held in Tampa in 2021. Her design was completed while interning with the Tampa advertising firm Schifino Lee.

## 2020s

Luis Delaye '20, Laurel Jones '20 and David MacKinnon '20 were interns at the Tampa-based investment advising company Manole Capital Management this summer and helped conduct its third annual Gen Z Financial Service Survey on banking, brokerage, digital currencies and the payment sector.

Andrew Gilliland '20 is the founder of Action Holdings, a holding company for three brands: <u>bbqaidtools.com</u>, <u>knappmade.com</u> and <u>ispypens.com</u>. For more information on him and his products, see the feature story on <u>page 12</u>.



Nneka Jones '20

**Nneka Jones '20** designed the cover of the Aug. 31– Sept. 7 issue of *TIME* magazine. She was featured in a



Laurel Jones '20, Luis Delaye '20 and David MacKinnon '20

June web article in Colossal, an international platform that showcases contemporary art and visual expression by both emerging and established artists. They highlighted her embroidered portraits - often of young girls and women with their faces obscured by targets - which bring attention to social and political issues affecting Caribbean society, such as human trafficking and sexual abuse. She released her first book, Targeted Truth, in September, which includes photographs and narratives of her hand embroidery series, Targets and Targets Variegated. It's available at artyouhungry.com in both hardcover and softcover. She was also invited to speak at Adobe MAX - The Creativity Conference in October, virtually. For more of her work, follow her at @artyouhungry on Instagram.

Alexis Novales '20 earned the 2020 Emerging Professional Award by the Tampa Bay chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and was mentioned in the September/October 2020 issue of Tampa Bay Magazine. Kai Seymour '20 joined Sheltair, a family-owned aviation real estate developer, as a management trainee in August. Seymour is the grandson of Sheltair's CEO, owner and founder, Jerry Holland, adding a new generation to the family-owned company.



Kai Seymour '20

Mallary Weinsz '20 was awarded a 2021 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Award to Malaysia and plans to travel there in January.

**Callie York '20** was part of the first-ever cohort to graduate from UT with a bachelor's degree in museum studies. She is currently getting a master's degree in muse-ology/museum studies and nonprofit management at Johns Hopkins University.

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## **Alumni Day of Service**

On Nov. 7, alumni gathered for UT's Alumni Day of Service. The event, which was hosted by the Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter, took place at Feeding Tampa Bay's warehouse in Tampa. Alumni worked together to inspect, sort and package food to be distributed to those in need.

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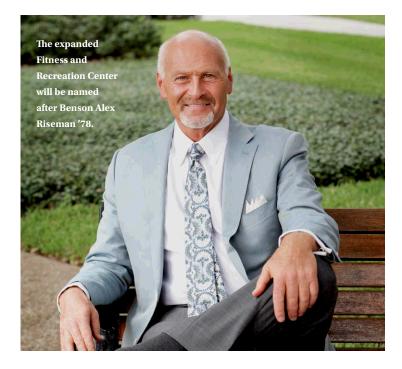
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Spartan Ready Philanthropy: Powering UT to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.



## Keeping Spartans in (Even Better) Shape

No doubt, UT's Fitness and Recreation Center, built in 2016, is a state-ofthe-art hub of activity. Now it's being whipped into ultra-peak condition, thanks in large part to a generous gift from Benson Riseman '78. An entrepreneur and philanthropist, Riseman is already deeply involved in Spartan life, serving on UT's Board of Trustees, among other roles.

Expanding his impact, he's helping fund phase II of the facility; in its new incarnation, it will be renamed the Benson Alex Riseman Fitness and Recreation Center. (For more details about the renovation, see page 4.)

Riseman says the new center is a perfect way for him to give back to the university that gave him so much. "Growing up in the Boston innercity area, I had limited exposure to many things. My UT experience started with my first plane ride and led me through many other firsts that all influenced the direction of my life," says Riseman. "Athletics and fitness have always been important to me. Contributing to this center is a great way to 'pay it forward' to UT and future student bodies — as well as leave a lasting legacy. I'm proud to help my alma mater fulfill its commitment to enhancing the body, mind and soul of all who attend."

Riseman, who co-founded Green Dot Corporation (the country's leading prepaid debit-card company) and lives with his wife, Lee, in Las Vegas, NV, had another motivation for his donation: "I've always believed you lead by example, and as co-chair of UT's Development Committee, I'm focused on finding ways to continue enhancing UT's financial standing. There is no better way to accomplish this than by contributing myself. The hope is my donation will encourage other donors to step up and commit their time, treasure and talents, as well."

## A Local Business Amplifies Music at UT

The arts play a powerful role throughout Tampa and all across the UT campus. As we move through challenging times, they especially have the power to uplift.

The new Ferman Center for the Arts, which is nearing completion, will deliver a bravura performance on this front: It's a haven where students can express their creativity and enhance their skills. Thanks to one local business, Key Glass, it offers a unique space to master two classical instruments that create deeply inspiring music: the harpsichord and the organ.

An innovative, award-winning business based in Bradenton, Key Glass knew the building from the inside out. The company had furnished and installed glass, sunshades and dance mirrors in the new center, but wanted to do more for the campus. "Because of our work onsite and our past involvement with the expansion of UT's campus," says Justin Burkhart, vice president of Key Glass, "we decided to make a donation, specifically to the Ferman Center."

The Harpsichord and Organ Rooms struck the right note with the Key Glass team. "Music has had a strong influence on several of our employees' upbringings," explains Burkhart, "and so we wanted to continue to fuel that passion and ambition in the students at UT. We hope the rooms will be a happy place for students to continue to practice and expand upon their talent."



## **A Life-Changing Legacy**

Five fraternity brothers help a minority student fund their education.



Left to right: Marlon Hanley '06, Jamal Wilburg '06, David Ramnarine '09, Michael Williams '09 and Devin Derenoncourt '09

College friendships: Those two words describe some of the most wonderful memories and lasting bonds of many people's lifetimes.

That surely is the case for five brothers at UT's Alpha Beta Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., who connected and have stayed close since their Spartan days. From cleaning up campus after a huge storm to encouraging people to enroll in the national bone marrow registry, service has always been a core value for the five best friends: Marlon Hanley '06, Jamal Wilburg '06, Devin Derenoncourt '09, David Ramnarine '09 and Michael Williams '09.

Fun played a major role, too whether hanging out in the Vaughn Center or meeting up at dances and sporting events. That feeling of having found your circle permeated everything they did.

As Black students, they were especially aware of always having each other's backs. "The UT minority community is very supportive," says Ramnarine, who is associate director of financial aid at UT. "For instance, when I was a student and was looking for a job, Jamal heard I needed work. He introduced me to the UT Media Services department, where I wound up working for almost four years."

It's no surprise that after creating that kind of support system and cache of memories together, the friends have stayed bonded, serving in each other's wedding parties and attaining godfather status for one another's children.

#### LOOKING FORWARD, GIVING BACK

Over the past decade-plus of pal-hood, they realized there was something else they shared. Each expressed the desire to give back to UT, which had set them all on a path to personal and professional success.

"During our college years, we were always looking for ways to contribute and make the world a better place," says Wilburg, who is associate vice president of customer and technical support at Ability Network in Tampa and spent 12 years in the U.S. Army Reserve. "After graduation, I had been wondering how to give at a higher level and increase representation of minorities."

Attending recent events on campus with his wife spurred him into action. "It was hard for me not to notice that I was often among very few other Black attendees," he says. "That was really on my mind, especially over the last year."

In chatting with his friends, he recognized they all shared the goal of supporting minority students at UT. Working with the Office of Development and University Relations, they pooled their resources to create the Alumni Bridging Gaps Endowed Scholarship to help a first-year minority student fund their education.

The idea of providing a scholarship of this sort resonated deeply with the friends. "I, myself, was a scholarship recipient," says Ramnarine. "I don't know if I could have made it without that help, so I wanted to be part of something that would help students similarly in need." "I remember feeling really up against the clock to get my financial package together," adds Derenoncourt, a correctional investigator with the New York City Department of Corrections. "It's exciting to help future students get across the finish line and afford their education. To help someone with the desire to attend UT but not the resources is very inspiring."

### FUNDING THOSE WHO COME FIRST

The scholarship can play an especially powerful role for a first-generation college student. "That was my case, charting my own path, getting the highest degree in my family," explains Williams, who works as an advanced practice registered nurse in New Haven, CT. "It's a great feeling to be able to build a legacy. The scholarship lets other students in that situation know there are people who came before them and are saying, 'You can do this!' It validates them and reinforces their drive."

Hanley, a dentist in Houma, LA, was drawn to the idea because it also builds on the principles of their fraternity. "The idea of giving someone a chance to attend UT and experience what I did is tremendous. Combining scholarship and service is personally very meaningful — those are pillars of our fraternity."

#### **REACHING FOR A RIPPLE EFFECT**

What's more, the fraternity brothers want their vision to encourage the Spartan alumni community to give back. "I hope this will be a call to action and inspire others to be active and mentor students," explains Ramnarine.

Wilburg echoes this: "To see a student be able to go to the college of their choice, not the college of their circumstances — to get those benefits from UT that we all enjoy — that will be wonderful," he says. "We'd love to see other groups step up. Our goal is to have this be more than just us." Spoken like true Spartans!

## CAMPUS CAMARADERIE

The five fraternity brothers who bonded so strongly on the UT campus and created the Alumni Bridging Gaps Endowed Scholarship have stayed incredibly close over the years. They've celebrated weddings together and regularly watch ball games virtually while group-chatting. Here, we asked them to share their favorite moments that cemented their bond as Spartans.

■ "For me, it was our 'So You Think You Can Dance' event. It brought together older fraternity members and brand-new ones. That fraternity bond is powerful: We communicate honestly and hold each other accountable. So coming together as that big group, doing our dance in unison (called 'strolling'), was such a 'wow' moment for me." — Michael Williams '09

"I can't pick one. So many meaningful times, so many fun times. The combination of service and social events was so special for me." — Marlon Hanley '06

■ "We did what we called a Healing Hands event for a center for abused women. We set up a table, a big banner and paint; people would do a handprint on the banner and write a supportive message, bringing positivity to the women dealing with domestic violence." — David Ramnarine '09

"Being out and about in the Vaughn Center lobby. What a great sense of community!" — Devin Derenoncourt '09

■ "One of the strongest memories for me is how we organized and did a campus cleanup after the 2004 hurricane. We were always looking for ways to contribute and make the world a better place thorough service." — Jamal Wilburg '06





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Catanach, who has worked at UT since he graduated in 1983, appreciates that 92% of students at the University receive financial aid. He knows that aid and scholarships make students' dreams a reality. He witnesses the impact a UT education has on students, their gratitude, hard work and the ways they pay it forward. With almost 10,000 students enrolled this fall, the impact that philanthropy has on their lives is immeasurable.

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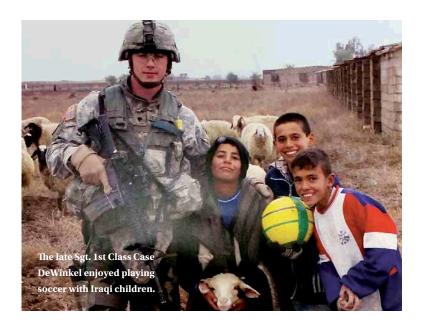


## UT's Fab Lab: Helping Health Care Workers

Many of us wondered how to help when COVID-19 hit. At the Fab Lab (a digital fabrication lab equipped with tech-enabled tools), Emma Quintana, coordinator of the lab in the Department of Art and Design, showed her Spartan spirit and got even more creative than usual. Putting 3D printers and laser cutters to work, she crafted thousands of face shields that help protect frontline health care workers.

When local businesses heard about the project, they generously jumped in with funding to ramp up production. "The face shields are a vital component of personal protective equipment that can keep frontline health care workers safe," says Linda Hague, vice president, community affairs officer, West Florida, at Wells Fargo Bank, which has been a Spartan partner for a decade now. "We were also pleased that local medical centers, such as Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, Moffitt Cancer Center and Tampa General Hospital, were among the recipients."

An anonymous donor and Citi were other sponsors of this effort. "Beyond the practical impact to local doctors, nurses and first responders," comments Sterling lvey, site manager and public affairs manager at Citi, the example it sets will "benefit UT students in learning how to rapidly adjust to market demands, learn new skills and translate the learnings to meaningful commodities that will serve the greater Tampa community for many years to come."



## Honoring a Hero's Memory

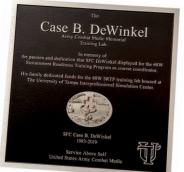
It's hard to imagine more grueling work than being a U.S. Army medic, but the late Sgt. 1st Class Case DeWinkel of the U.S. Army Reserve excelled in pressure cooker situations. A Purple Heart recipient, he'd treat his troop's wounds with lifesaving skill, even when he was also hurt. Under tough circumstances, his natural ebullience was obvious: Photos of him in Iraq show him distributing toys and playing soccer with local children.

This hero connected with UT a couple of years ago in Largo, FL, while serving as course coordinator for the U.S. Army medic training program, the 68W Sustainment Readiness Training Program. Johnna Yealy, who is associate professor and founding director of the physician assistant medicine program and also serves in the U.S. Army Reserve, was the medical officer in charge of that training program and partnered with the U.S. Army to bring the medics on campus for part of their training. Says Yealy: "He recruited the best instructors and added more hands-on training to prepare 68W (combat medics) to provide the best possible care."

When DeWinkel died unexpectedly in 2019, his family emerged from their grief determined to create a tribute to his memory. "We knew how important that training was for Case and how good he felt about it,"

explains his father, Carel DeWinkel, "so we honored him by contributing to the training lab for medics." The family's donation funds the purchase of supplies and equipment, and when medics are working in the facility, it is known as the Case B. DeWinkel Army Combat Medic Memorial Training Lab.

It's a fitting memorial, says Yealy. "He went the extra mile for his medics. Everything he did, he did with the utmost integrity and compassion." That legacy now lives on in the lab.



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**Nanette Rodgers '57** looked out the window of Plant Hall. Her view was a sprawling oak tree, which still stands strong today, and the growing skyline of Tampa. For inspiration, she read daily the poem "Slow Me Down, Lord" as she admired the view. The poem closes with the lines:

## And inspire me to send my roots deep Into the soil of life's enduring values That I may grow toward the stars Of my greater destiny.

Rodgers believes her greater destiny and success were made possible by The University of Tampa and one professor in particular — C.J. Ho, professor emeritus of psychology. He said to her, "Nanette, one day you'll be the state's home economics education director."

In 1982, Rodgers, who has a doctorate in education administration, was named Florida's director of home economics education. Today, she continues to stay connected, attending the Homecoming Alumni Luncheon, running the annual Livefor24 5K and mentoring students. "At UT, I was surrounded by caring faculty who inspired me to believe in myself," says Rodgers. That motivated her to share the gift of education with future generations by including UT in her estate plan.

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