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A Message from the Chancellor

Dear Vols,

Five UT students were named Goldwater Scholars last week, the most of any university in the country. The Goldwater Scholarship is the most prestigious undergraduate STEM award in the US; it goes to college sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue research careers in natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students and a tremendous recognition for our university.

Finding moments to celebrate our good work and achievements—even in difficult times—is important. It's an occasion to pause and reflect, to remind ourselves of the great things we can accomplish, and to come together to lift each other up.

The next few weeks will be hard as we grapple with the changes in our world and navigate this new way of working, teaching, and learning. But let's commit to keep looking for the moments—big and small—to celebrate.

When you find these moments, tell me about them!

I want to hear what you're looking forward to, what you've accomplished, and what good news you're celebrating. Post about it on Twitter and tag me—@dondeplowman—so I can share your joy.

We are all in this together.

Donde Plowman
Chancellor

Update on Events through July

As previously announced, UT will remain in an online environment for the summer sessions, including May mini-term. Summer research will continue in its current state under the protective protocols already in place.

To protect our campus community and the broader community, the university will not hold non-athletic UT-sponsored events or programs on campus through July 31. Organizers are encouraged to consider moving their event or program online and to communicate those changes directly to participants. Decisions regarding athletics events will be made in consultation with the NCAA and SEC.

We are disappointed and regret the difficulty this causes people—both on campus and off. We will be working hard through the summer to ensure that students are coming back to a clean, healthy campus this fall.

Josh Dobbs Drops In on Engineering Class, Takes Questions

UT aerospace engineering graduate and Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Josh Dobbs dropped in on a fluid mechanics class last week and took questions from students.

Video: Josh Dobbs Talks Rockets and Jets

Finalists Named in Search for Associate Vice Provost and Director of Honors; Forums Begin Tuesday

Virtual campus forums for two finalists to be the next associate vice provost and director of Honors and Scholars Programs will take place this week. The forum for UT Department of Geography Head Ron Kalafsky will be Tuesday at 9 a.m. The forum for UT Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Associate Head Jennifer Schweitzer will be Wednesday at 9 a.m. Read more about the candidates and how to join the campus forums.

Letter from Title IX: 2019 Annual Report

Title IX Coordinator Ashley Blamey shared a message with students reflecting on the 2019 annual report and ways the Office of Title IX remains available to help. Whether you need resources for yourself or for a friend, please take the proactive step of reaching out. The Office of Title IX can help you find the resources—at the university, across the state, or even nationally—that are right for you. You are worth it, and you are not alone.

Student Health and Wellness Resources

Students received an email today reminding them of the health and wellness resources available even as campus has moved to a virtual environment. These resources include the Student Health Center, the Counseling Center, RecSports, and virtual events.

Take Part in Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the Center for Health Education and Wellness has put together a series of virtual events to honor the month. Mark your calendars for Wednesday's Hike the Hill in Heels event. Since 2015, this annual event has raised awareness about the serious issue of sexual assault. All Vols are invited to demonstrate their support for this important work and their commitment to ending violence. If you are able, join us as we virtually hike together as a community using the JustMove app. We are asking that participants complete a one-kilometer or 0.6-mile walk. The walk can be completed at your own pace at any time on Wednesday, April 8. Heels are optional.

This Week's Virtual Events

Check out this week's virtual events including Virtual Marvel Trivia, the Student Organization Officer Transition Virtual Workshop, and many more. View the full calendar here.