

Agriculture and Natural Resources Day
Gault Fine Arts Center Recital Hall
November 19, 2024

8:00 AM

Agriculture and Natural Resources at UT Southern: Ecology and Sustainability in Our Backyard

- Dr. Shanna Hanes and Dr. Stanton Belford, Associate Professors of Biology, UT Southern

9:30 AM

Careers in Agriculture and Animal Sciences: What Jobs Are Open to YOU?

- **Panelists:** Kevin Thompson, Director of Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center; Kevin L. Rose, Extension Agent III & Co-Director, Giles County Extension Office; Dr. Saulo Zoca, Professor and Beef Cattle Reproduction Specialist, UT Institute of Agriculture; Dr. Samara Mattiello, Assistant Professor of Biology, UT Southern
- **Moderator:** Dr. Stephen McBride, Director of Career Development

11:00 AM

Natural Resources and Tree Improvement: Developing a “Tree” Campus and New Findings about Area Natural Resources

- Dr. Don Hodges, Chair of the School of Natural Resources, UT Institute of Agriculture; Dr. Scott Schlarbaum, Director of the Tree Improvement Program, UT Institute of Agriculture
- **Moderator:** Dr. Shanna Hanes

1:30 PM

Animal Sciences and the Impact on Economic Development

- **Panelists:** Mr. Will Mayfield, UT Southern Adjunct Faculty, Real Estate Appraiser, and Partner at Mayfield Land and Cattle Co.; Mr. Mike Mayfield, Owner of Mayfield Land and Cattle Co., former State Executive Director (Presidential Appointment) and County Executive Director, Farm Service Agency; Chair of the Board, Bank of Frankewing
- **Moderator:** Professor Nan Wakefield, Chair of the Johnston School of Business

3:30 PM

Wildlife and Natural Resources: Careers, Concerns, Opportunities

- **Panelists:** Mr. Jimmy Granbery, Chair of the Tennessee Fish & Wildlife Commission; Mr. Jason Maxedon, Executive Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
- **Moderator:** Dr. Shanna Hanes

6:30 PM

Blue Ribbon Panel: The Importance of Agriculture to the State of Tennessee

- Dr. Charlie Hatcher, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Tennessee; Mr. Eric Mayberry, President of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation; Dr. Keith Carver, Senior Vice Chancellor/Senior Vice President of the UT Institute of Agriculture; Dr. Linda C. Martin, Chancellor of UT Southern
- **Moderator and Master of Ceremonies:** Vice Chancellor Evan Beech, UT Southern

Blue Ribbon Panel

Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M., Tennessee's 38th Commissioner of Agriculture, is a tenth-generation American farmer and a fifth-generation Tennessee farmer. Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, he served for ten years as the State Veterinarian for the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. In that role, he protected the health and welfare of animals within the state and promoted the marketability of animals and animal products. Dr. Hatcher founded Rock-N-Country Veterinary Services in College Grove, Tenn., in 1993, specializing in livestock. The practice is now managed by his daughter, Jennifer. The Hatchers are well known in the dairy and agritourism industries. In 2007, Hatcher Family Dairy began bottling its own milk and today provides milk and milk products to customers in Middle Tennessee. Hatcher's son, Charles, serves as president of the business.

Dr. Hatcher earned a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (1984) and a B.S. in Animal Science from Middle Tennessee State University (1980). He lives on the family farm in College Grove (est. 1831) with his wife of forty years, Sharon, his son and daughter, and their families.

Eric Mayberry serves as Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation's 9th President. As president, Mayberry represents and serves more than 680,000 family members of the organization. He guides the board of directors and staff and works with county, district, state, and national leadership, as well as partners in the agricultural industry, lawmakers, and other decision-makers, to ensure agriculture and rural Tennessee remain prosperous and successful.

A third-generation farmer from Humphreys County, Mayberry operates more than 1,000 acres of corn and soybeans and manages a herd of 200 beef cattle near Hurricane Mills. He and his wife, Lynn, have three children. The Mayberrys first became involved in Farm Bureau through Young Farmers & Ranchers.

Keith Carver serves as the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture's Senior Vice Chancellor and Senior Vice President. Dr. Carver has worked with the UT System for 26 years, including serving as executive assistant to UT President Joe DiPietro for six years before assuming the role at UT Martin. He has held leadership positions in Knoxville, Martin, and Memphis, including Interim Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs at the UT Health Science Center in Memphis, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Development at UT Martin, and Director of Development and Alumni Affairs for the UT College of Law.

Dr. Carver has actively contributed to UT leadership, serving on the UT Foundation Board, the UT Martin Chancellor's Advisory Council, and the UT Alumni Association Strategic Planning Steering Committee. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry, among other boards.

Linda C. Martin has served as Chancellor of UT Southern since July 2022. Dr. Martin joined UT Southern as a respected leader and accomplished innovator in higher education, bringing with her an esteemed career spanning over 35 years. She earned her undergraduate degree in Animal Science from The Ohio State University and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Animal Breeding and Genetics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University and Colorado State University, respectively.

Prior to her most recent roles as Senior Vice Chancellor and Senior Vice President of the UT Institute of Agriculture and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Success at the University of Tennessee, Dr. Martin served as Associate Dean and Director of Academic Affairs in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University (2007–2017). Before that, she was Assistant Dean for Academic Programs in the College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University (2002–2007) following 15 years of successful teaching and advising at Kansas State University.

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