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KEITH LAMBERT
Keith Lambert is a captain and twenty-five-year veteran of the UT Police Department. He was instrumental in developing the Rape Aggression Defense Program, designed to teach women self-defense and risk reduction. Thousands of women have benefited from this course both on campus and throughout the Knoxville community. Lambert also was influential in developing the UT Police Department Memorial Scholarship Program, which honors officers who have passed away while working for the department and funds scholarships for dependents of UTPD employees past and present. He represents the university through his involvement in the Alzheimer’s Memory Walk and the Race Against Racism. He also serves on the steering committee for Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

TYLER KING
Tyler King is a political science major from Cordova, Tennessee, whose wide range of activities includes serving as a diversity recruiter for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. He visits with minority high school students across the state to share information about UT. A first-generation college student, he understands the needs, challenges, and emotions involved in breaking away from a family history that does not include college. King will continue
serving others after graduation as a member of the 2012 Teach for America Corps, where he will teach high school science in southern Texas.

ANDERSON OLDS
Anderson Olds is a senior in public administration from Memphis. Since his freshman year, he has promoted diversity on campus. As chairman of recruitment for the student chapter of NAACP, he helped increase student membership by more than 50 percent. As president, he organized “Skate Night of Benefit,” which raised more than $1,000 for the Amachi Foundation in its first year. Olds also has been a part of the Me4UT diversity recruitment team, co-chair for the Annual Black Issues Conference, and a counselor for the UT LEAD Summer Institute.

SHELBY THOMPSON
Shelby Thompson is a public relations major from Franklin and provides the community at least 500 hours of service per year. She is involved with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Her “little sister,” one of six children, will be the first in her family to attend college this coming fall. Thompson also gives her time and talents to the Tennessee Camp for Diabetic Children, the Ronald McDonald House, and the Children’s Miracle Network. On campus, she is the philanthropy chair for the Alpha Delta Pi sorority and in 2010 was named the National Collegiate Volunteer of the Year.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority places a high value on community service, and its members are involved with the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade. Members also serve with the Salvation Army, Green Magnet Elementary School, Feed the Need, and the Tribe ONE tutoring program. They are also volunteers for the Boys and Girls Club, Race for the Cure, and Habitat for Humanity.

TAKING ACTION FOR SOCIAL CONSCIENCE (TASC) FORCE
Taking Action for Social Conscience (TASC) Force is a group created solely to serve others and generate a campus culture of service, and its members have given thousands of service hours. Some examples include the Taste of Selflessness event, which brought victims from Cambodia and Rwanda to relay their experiences with genocide. The Care for the Homeless project in Nashville and Memphis raised money
to distribute gift bags of food and other needed items. Locally, they transformed a
dilapidated back alley into a reflection garden at the Salvation Army.