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## Celebrating our spring graduates



May is always a special time for academia, as we see our students achieve their goal of graduating. This spring 237 students earned their degrees. Read about them and the arrival of a new department head in [Chancellor Arrington's letter to the institute](#).

## Our third pillar: Real-world experience for our students

Pillar three of **the institute's four pillars** is to achieve excellence in providing real-world experiences for our students. Dean Jim Thompson writes about the college's new Sophomore Summer Externship Program. The initiative will equip students with insight



and experience as they serve and learn in a veterinary medicine practice. It's a win-win for everyone, Thompson says. **More**

## UT Gardens named Tennessee's botanical garden

Governor Bill Haslam has signed a bill designating the University of Tennessee Gardens as the official botanical garden for the Volunteer State. **More**

With established locations in East and West Tennessee, the gardens have expanded to include Middle Tennessee with the UT Discovery Gardens at the Plateau AgResearch and Education Center. **More**



Introduction of black bears in Big South Fork by institute wildlife specialists and other partners has met with outstanding success. **More**



Researchers in the Department of Food Safety and Technology are collaborating with NC State on evaluating use of herb and spice essences to reduce listeria and other foodborne pathogens on fruit and vegetables. **More**



CASNR student Grant Davis, a member of Alpha Gamma Rho, has been appointed to office in the UT Student Government Association. **More**

## Marketing and Communications Department honored for excellence in advancing institute

In honor of their excellence in print and visual media, 12 members of the Department of Marketing and



Communications have received eight regional and national awards for their talents and skills in advancing the institute. Read about the projects that caught the judges' attention. [More](#)

## Plant Biotechnology Building plaque recognizes Burchfiels

At Ag Day last fall, three key areas of the institute's Plant Biotechnology Building were dedicated in memory of UT supporters Robert and Ethel Burchfiel. The plaque that was unveiled at Ag Day has now been mounted by the building's plaza. [More](#)



## Thirty-six employees honored with Service Awards

# Service Awards

In a reception yesterday on the agricultural campus, 36 faculty and staff members were honored for their service to the institute. Years of service recognized ranged from 25 all the way up to 50. [Read a few](#) of these employees stories. [See the full list](#) of our honorees.



Kevin Moulton of the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology and Neal Denton of Knox County Extension enlighten columnist Sam Venable about eye gnats, which plague both humans and animals. [More](#)



You can now log in online to access additional employee self-services similar to the online pay statement and benefits statement. These include viewing leave balances, time statements and personal information data, such as emergency contact numbers. [More](#)



The Irish potato famine! Starvation and emigration! For many folks that's the only Phytophthora that they'll ever hear of, yet this plant blight strikes in many ways. Institute plant pathologist Kurt Lamour explores them in his new book. Read more in his [blog](#) or at the publisher's [website](#).

This student found a comfortable way of studying for finals while enjoying spring weather. She hung her hammock in the area between McCord and Neyland Drive.



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