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The **Macebearer** is the highest faculty honor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, symbolic of the faculty's commitment of service to students, to scholarship, and to society. The Macebearer is awarded to a faculty member who has exhibited longstanding commitment and service to the university community.

Until last year, Riechert taught more than five hundred students every fall in Biodiversity, a required course for biology majors. This semester, she volunteered to teach an upper-division course in Animal Behavior, a class that has seen shrinking enrollment. But with Riechert leading the class, enrollment has quadrupled.

Her service extends beyond our campus borders. More than ten years ago, she started the "Biology in a Box" program. Today, her efforts provide science education materials to teachers and students in seventy-seven public schools across Tennessee. The program has been recognized by the Tennessee Higher Education and the National Science Foundation.

More recently, Riechert was a critical part of UT's proposal to establish VolsTeach, a new initiative that will increase the number of math and science teachers throughout Tennessee. After working to secure funding for the program, she now serves as co-director.