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# This Week

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**THIS WEEK's Next Issue: May 6**  
Deadline: April 30

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## Sen. Lamar Alexander to address U of M Commencement on May 11

The University of Memphis will hold its spring Commencement on Saturday, May 11, awarding a total of 2,382 degrees in two ceremonies at FedExForum. U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander will be the featured speaker at the morning session; Tre Hargett, Tennessee's secretary of state, will speak that afternoon. The U of M will present an honorary doctor of letters degree to businessman and philanthropist Jim Ayers at the afternoon ceremony.

During the 10 a.m. Commencement, the College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Communication and Fine Arts and the University College will confer degrees. At 2 p.m., graduates of the Fogelman College of Business & Economics, the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences, the Herff College of Engineering, the Loewenberg School of Nursing, the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders and the School of Public Health will receive their degrees.

Ayers is chairman of FirstBank, the financial services company he nurtured from a single branch to Tennessee's largest independently owned and operated bank, with more than \$2 billion in total assets and more than 40 locations. Ayers is perhaps most proud of his contributions to increasing educational opportunities for young people. In 1999 he established The Ayers Foundation, which supports a wide range of programs and institutions with an emphasis on education in Henderson and Perry counties, as well as his home county of Decatur. In addition to his business interests, he is active in a number of civic, educational and charitable organizations. Ayers received a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in accounting from the U of M in 1965, becoming one of the first in his family to attend college. Read more at <http://www.memphis.edu/mediaroom/releases/apr13/commencement.htm>.

*Note: In the event of a Memphis Grizzlies' playoff game in FedExForum on May 11, Commencement ceremonies will be moved to Sunday, May 12, at noon and 4 p.m.*

## **National accreditation for Lipman Early Childhood School renewed**



The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has renewed the accreditation for another five years of the Barbara K. Lipman Early Childhood School and Research Institute at the University of Memphis. The latest accreditation is valid until May 1, 2018.

Accredited since 1986, the School provides pre-school education for 90 children ages 2-6 and on-site training for almost 100 U of M students from the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Nursing and the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

The NAEYC evaluates schools on a number of criteria, including the qualifications of teachers and administrators, curriculum, classroom teaching, students' health, a school's involvement with students' families, relationships with other community organizations and resources, physical environment, and leadership and management. The Lipman School scored perfectly or very high for all criteria; it was especially commended in the areas of assessment, teachers, families, community relationships, and leadership and management. For more information, call 678-2120.

## **U of M Up 'til Dawn chapter is tops nationally in fundraising**

The University of Memphis chapter of Up 'til Dawn raised more than \$122,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital during the 2012-13 academic year, making it the top fundraising chapter in the nation. The largest portion of the money — about \$75,000 — was raised through a letter campaign. ALSAC/St. Jude provided about 20,000 donation letters, which students personalized and sent to potential donors. More than 700 students sent letters this year.

In addition to the letters, students hosted smaller events throughout the year to bring in money for the hospital. Over the last three years, the U of M chapter has averaged 40 of these events. Activities range from small (bake sales, donate a dollar to color an Up 'til Dawn logo, get a percentage of restaurant profits for a night) to large (bowling and skating events, a dinner and silent auction, a head-shaving event), all planned and carried out by individual students or groups. Read more at <http://www.memphis.edu/mediaroom/releases/apr13/uptildawn.htm>.

## Green Tip



### **U of M Libraries provides information on sustainable technology and green jobs**

The U of M Libraries' Help Guides, which assists with research in academic fields, offers an online Tiger Blue Goes Green guide for library resources on sustainable technology and green jobs.

Browse through each tab on the page to locate resources tailored to your specific green interests. Visit <http://libguides.memphis.edu/tigerbluegoesgreen> to start researching.

For assistance with the Tiger Blue Goes Green guide or other U of M Libraries services, call the Research and Information Services desk at 678-2208 or visit <http://www.memphis.edu/libraries/help/askalibrarian.php> to use the "Ask A Librarian" service.

## Announcements



### **Retirement reception for Dr. Shirley C. Raines**

A retirement reception for University President Shirley C. Raines will be held Thursday, May 2, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the atrium of the Administration Building. Dr. Raines announced her retirement earlier this month, effective June 30.

### **Volunteers needed for a study at the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders**

The School of Communication Sciences and Disorders is conducting a study on the human hearing system. The study explores a diagnostic test called otoacoustic emissions. This test has helped to revolutionize our understanding of how the human ear processes acoustic information. It is a test specific to the inner ear, or cochlea, considered the human organ of hearing. Investigators are looking for young adults 20 to 30 years old with normal hearing. Research participation supports the goals of the University and is the foundation for the development of diagnostic testing in many fields of study. For more information or to participate, contact 678-5832 or 848-7880.

### **Japanese cinema every Thursday in May at the Brooks Museum**

The Brooks Museum will show a series of Japanese cinema (in Japanese with English subtitles) every Thursday in May at 7 p.m. Prior to each screening, starting at 6:15 p.m., Memphis Martial Arts will be giving a martial arts demonstration on the plaza outside of the Brooks Museum. Along with the samurai films, there will also be two new Japanese films. On Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m., there will be a showing of a modern love story called *Like Someone in Love* and on Saturday, May 25 at 2 p.m. will be an anime film called *Summertime*. Admission is \$6 for U of M students, \$8 for general admission. For more information, visit <http://www.brooksmuseum.org/films>.

### **Free stress relief activities on April 29 and 30**

Campus Recreation Intramural Services invites all students to attend two upcoming stress relief events. Both events will be held at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Dodgeball will be played from 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday, April 29 in the Gray Gym. Yoga will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30 in the Aerobics Studio. Come enjoy these free activities and learn how to reduce and manage stress. For more information, visit <http://www.memphis.edu/cris>.

## **MemphisCRESH now accepting applications for summer program**

High school students interested in participating in the summer MemphisCRESH program (College Research Experience for Students in High School) should submit applications now. Applications for the 2013 program will continue to be accepted until all positions are filled. MemphisCRESH provides the opportunity for rising high school juniors and seniors to acquire first-hand experience of life as a scientist beyond a lecture hall setting. For more information, visit <http://www.memphis.edu/cresh>.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS / More listings at [events.memphis.edu](http://events.memphis.edu)**

### **Monday/April 29**

**Library exhibit:** "Impact and Influence: The Church Family of Memphis" (through May 9) - Rotunda of the Ned R. McWherter Library - [More details](#)

**Art exhibit:** "Time Pools: Accessing the Aquifer" by The League of Imaginary Scientists in collaboration with the U of M (through May 24) - Art Museum - [More details](#)

### **Community Health Nursing Clinical Poster**

**Fair:** Loewenberg School of Nursing Community Health Nursing Clinical Fair to present the places nursing students worked in the community - Michael D. Rose Theatre lobby - noon to 2 p.m. - Contact J. Smalls at 678-2003 or [jsmalls1@memphis.edu](mailto:jsmalls1@memphis.edu)

### **Electrical and Computer Engineering**

**seminar:** "Computational Approaches to Study Optic Nerve Head Structure in Glaucoma" by Dr. Madhusudhanan Balasubramanian, University of California at San Diego - Engineering Science Building, room 218 - 11 a.m. - Contact Dr. Chrysanthe Preza at [cpreza@memphis.edu](mailto:cpreza@memphis.edu) or 678-4369

### **Tuesday/April 30**

**Concert:** U of M Symphonic Band and University Band - Harris Concert Hall - 7:30 p.m. - General admission \$8, non- U of M students and seniors \$5; free to faculty and staff with valid University ID - [More details and upcoming events](#)

### **Wednesday/May 1**

**Cognitive Science seminar:** "Perceptual-motor Learning in Infancy" by Amy Needham - FIT, room 405 - 4 to 5:30 p.m. - [More details and upcoming events](#)

**Concert:** U of M Wind Ensemble - Harris Concert Hall - 7:30 p.m. - General admission \$8, non- U of M students and seniors \$5; free to faculty and staff with valid University ID - [More details](#)

### **Thursday/May 2**

**Retirement reception for Dr. Shirley C. Raines:** Atrium of the Administration Building - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Visit the [Office of the President](#) for more information

### **Friday/May 3**

**Free HIV testing:** Screenings by trained HIV counselors from Planned Parenthood of the Greater Memphis Region - UC, room 208 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Call 678-4745 - [More details and upcoming events](#)

**Chemistry seminar:** "Structural Characterization of the BK Channel  $\beta 1$  Subunit" by Jacob McMillan, U of M - Smith Hall, room 102 - 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. - Contact [xhuang4@memphis.edu](mailto:xhuang4@memphis.edu)

**Baseball:** Memphis vs. Marshall - FedExPark - 6:30 p.m. - Visit [gotigersgo.com](http://gotigersgo.com)

### **Saturday/May 4**

**Baseball:** Memphis vs. Marshall - FedExPark - 2 p.m. - Visit [gotigersgo.com](http://gotigersgo.com)

**Sunday/May 5**

**Baseball:** Memphis vs. Marshall - FedExPark - 1 p.m. - Visit [gotigersgo.com](http://gotigersgo.com)

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