



The Tennessee Legislative Intern Program was established in 1972 to provide an opportunity for Tennessee college and university juniors, seniors, and graduate students who are majoring in law,

political science, history, administration, social work, economics, sociology, or journalism to work and learn in a hands-on legislative environment.

The University of Tennessee is proud to announce the participation of 17 of its students in the 2009 Legislative Intern Program. Each participant was selected on the basis of academic merit (each has maintained a 3.0 GPA or higher) and demonstrated potential for both professional research and a variety of other job assignments in connection with the work of the General Assembly.

For the 2009 legislative session, UT's interns will assist legislators and tour such government facilities as the State Capitol, the Bicentennial Mall, the Riverbend maximum-security prison, and the Tennessee Supreme Court, as well as gain experience through day-to-day legislative duties including bill analyses, constituent work, and research.

President John Petersen says, "The University of Tennessee's legislative interns have an important role in both the service they provide to our state legislators and their constituents and in serving as ambassadors for the university at the state capitol. This is a uniquely important learning opportunity for them, and we are grateful for the time and effort afforded them by members of the General Assembly. They are among our best and brightest students, and we are proud to have them in Nashville."

The University of Tennessee is proud of its leaders in training and congratulates all 17 legislative interns.

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The University of Tennessee takes pride in these leaders of the future

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Michael Bock
UT Knoxville

Senators Tim Burchett and Randy McNally

A senior political science major, Bock is a member of Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity and Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. He is on the Dean's List and has received volunteer and alumni chapter scholarships. Bock, from Knoxville, plans to pursue a career in law.



Jennifer "Jennie" Brooks
UT Martin

Senator Jack Johnson

Brooks is a senior political science major from Martin, Tenn. She plans to attend law school following graduation. While at UT Martin, she has been involved in the Student Government Association and in the PEP program in addition to her sorority.



Laura Cofer
UT Chattanooga
Senator Bo Watson

Cofer, a senior vocal performance major from Hixson, Tenn., is also majoring in political science. Her vocal talents afforded her an opportunity to sing at the UTC December 2008 commencement ceremony. After graduation, Cofer plans to attend law school to study child and family justice.



Chelsea Conn
UT Knoxville

Representatives Bill Dunn and Ryan Haynes

Conn, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., is a senior legal studies major. She is a member of Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity, Zeta Tau Alpha women's fraternity where she serves as fundraising chair, Team VOLS, and is the Junior Panhellenic delegate. Conn served as an orientation leader in 2008 and wants to become a child advocacy lawyer.



Alexander Cramer
UT Knoxville

Representatives Stacey Campfield and Frank Niceley

Cramer is a senior history major from Oak Ridge, Tenn. He is a recipient of an Eagle Scout Award and a former member of both the Boy Scouts of America and the American Red Cross. After graduation, Cramer wants to pursue a career in government.



Jerran Gouge
UT Knoxville
House Chamber

Gouge is a junior political science/public administration major from Elizabethton, Tenn. He is a member of the Student Government Association Senate, Academic Affairs Committee, United Residence Hall Council, the UT Pride of the Southland Band and Pep Band, and UT Men's Choir and Concert Choir. Gouge was a resident assistant in 2007–2008 and recipient of the Community Development Award. He is interested in a career in law.



Tianda Harris
UT Martin

Representative Harry Brooks

Harris is a junior from Martin, Tenn. She is a marketing major with a minor in French. Harris plans to attend law school after graduation and pursue a career in international law.



Andrew Jackson
UT Knoxville

Senator Mark Norris

A junior from Seymour, Tenn., Jackson is a political science major with a minor in history. He is President-Elect of the Student Tennessee Education Association, a member of both the College of Education, Health, and Human Services Dean's Advisory Board and the Dean of Libraries' Advisory Board and a recipient of the Robert R. Neyland Chancellor's Scholarship for Leadership. He hopes to pursue a career in either secondary education or politics.



Matthew Kimsey
UT Chattanooga

Representative Susan Lynn

Kimsey, a junior history major with a minor in political science, is from Martin, Tenn. He has been active on campus, including serving as a resident assistant for UTC housing and as a member of several administrative committees. Kimsey is planning to pursue a career in law.



Lindsey Lawrence
UT Knoxville

Representative Harry Brooks and Senator Jamie Woodson

Lawrence is a junior political science major who is interested in pursuing a law degree and a future career in politics. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity, where she serves as executive secretary. Lawrence is from Knoxville, Tenn.



Randal Martin
UT Knoxville

Representatives Joe Armstrong and Harry Tindell

From Farragut, Tenn., Martin majored in political science with a minor in journalism and electronic media. He graduated with Dean's List and *summa cum laude* honors in the spring of 2008 and was a member of the Global Youth Leadership Summit in Beijing, China, in the summer of 2006. Martin is interested in a career in either law or politics.



Victoria "Tory" Mills
UT Knoxville

Senator Jim Tracy

Mills, of Signal Mountain, Tenn., is a senior majoring in communications with a minor in political science. She has taken an active role in the UT Women's Coordinating Council where she is the public relations coordinator and co-coordinator for "Take Back the Night." She also serves as president of Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood. Mills plans a career in the fields of women's issues, public policy or law.



Meredith Myers
UT Knoxville

Senator Jamie Woodson

Myers is a senior majoring in legal studies with a minor in communications and political science. She is a member of the UT Issues Committee and Gamma Beta Phi and is a Student Government Association senator. Myers, from Knoxville, Tenn., hopes for a career in which she can have a positive influence on the U.S. public school system.



Martin Penny
UT Knoxville

Senator Joe Haynes

Penny, who has a bachelor's degree in political science, is now pursuing a master's degree in public health. He is from Nashville, Tenn. While an undergraduate, he was active in both the student government association and the student alumni association.



Brian Puster
UT Knoxville

Representative Craig Fitzhugh

Puster is a junior from Knoxville, Tenn. He is a political science major who has excelled in the classroom with Dean's List and *summa cum laude* honors for six consecutive semesters. Puster is the student council president of the Knoxville Institute of Religion and is interested in pursuing a career in public service.



Sara Stewart
UT Martin

Representative Mark Maddox

A senior political science major, Stewart plans to study environmental law after graduation. She has been actively involved in Zeta Tau Alpha women's fraternity, UTM Democrats, the Political Science Club, and the Recycling Club. Stewart is from Pocahtontas, Tenn.



Shane Uselton
UT Chattanooga

House Chamber

Uselton is a junior from Manchester, Tenn. He is majoring in political science with a concentration in legal studies and plans to attend law school. He was published in the "Roosevelt 25 Idea Series: Reforming the Electoral College," is the current state president of the Order of DeMolay—a leadership organization for young men—and is a Shriner.