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UT MARTIN SPRING COMMENCEMENT SET FOR MAY 6

MARTIN, Tenn. – The University of Tennessee at Martin will hold spring commencement exercises during two in-person ceremonies Saturday, May 6, in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center. Commencement times are 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and tickets are not required to attend either ceremony. Doors will open 45 minutes before each event begins. Liliana Ramirez, global director for workforce development, Ford Motor Co., will deliver the commencement address at both ceremonies.

Ramirez joined Ford in 1993 after serving as a civilian logistician for the U.S. Army. In her 29 years with Ford, Ramirez has held leadership roles within Global Lean Manufacturing, North America Learning and Development, and Global Six Sigma. She has extensive manufacturing experience in the powertrain and stamping divisions.

In her current role, Ramirez leads the development and implementation of world-class workforce development strategies to transform and prepare the manufacturing workforce required for Ford’s electrification revolution with direct responsibility for BlueOval City and BlueOval SK Battery parks.

Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier, UT Martin interim chancellor, will preside over the two ceremonies and confer degrees. Dr. Bernard Savarese, acting vice president, UT Office of Academic Affairs and Student Success, will represent the UT System. A sign-language interpreter will provide services for the hearing impaired during both commencement events.

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The 10 a.m. ceremony will include undergraduate and graduate-degree candidates from the colleges of agriculture and applied sciences, and business and global affairs. The 2 p.m. ceremony will also include both undergraduate and graduate-degree candidates and feature graduates from the colleges of education, health and behavioral sciences, engineering and natural sciences, and humanities and fine arts. Each ceremony will be livestreamed at [www.facebook.com/utmartin](http://www.facebook.com/utmartin) and [www.youtube.com/utmartin](http://www.youtube.com/utmartin). The ceremonies will be archived on YouTube for later viewing.

Contact the UT Martin Office of University Relations for additional information at 731-881-7615.

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