

# Hollianne Carver - speaker at What . women . want. event



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You might have heard her referred to as “First Lady” recently after Hollianne Carver’s husband, Dr. Keith Carver, was named University of Tennessee at Martin chancellor in January. She has been chosen as the speaker of WLJT’s What. women. want. event. and will make an appearance there.

Hollianne, a 43-year-old native of Lexington, and Keith, a 46-year-old native of Alamo, are happy to be making a homecoming after the school year is complete. The Carvers’ three children - daughter, Carson, 18, and sons, Jack Thomas, 15, and Britton, 11 – are currently attending school in Knoxville, but they will soon be moving with their mom to join their beloved father in

Martin to call it home. After moving with her husband to a number of states, Hollianne says they are “so excited” to be moving to the Martin community, because “it just feels like home.”

Not only is Hollianne excited about the move, she is excited for the chance for her husband to be a part of the UT Martin higher education community. Having taught as an adjunct instructor in the UT Martin Department of Educational Studies for a short time before making the move to East Tennessee in 2010 with her husband, she has a passion for UT Martin, too. In addition, she has performed grant work for the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Hollianne said she plans not to work for salary after she and her children make

the move. Instead, she wants to focus her energies on supporting the Martin community through volunteer work and by lending a hand to her husband and activity in her children’s schools. She has invested her time in higher education, because she believes it changes lives.

“It’s just all about opportunity. Everybody deserves the opportunity to an education and to better their lives.” she says.

Hollianne and Keith both attended the former Memphis State University where they met and graduated with degrees in education. She obtained a bachelor’s degree from MSU and went on to get her master’s degree in education from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. In addition to working at UT Martin, she taught

pre-kindergarten through eighth grade for 11 years.

When Hollianne isn’t hard at work, you can find her reading, hiking and spending time with her extended family. She also enjoys attending her children’s sporting and school organization’s events.

Long-distance running is another passion of hers. After being selected out of her first race lottery, she completed the New York City Marathon in 2014. In 2013, Keith also completed the race. She said running this marathon is something of a family tradition.

Join Hollianne as she speaks at the what. women. want. event Monday beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Boling University Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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