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nomics and strengthened the University of Tennessee's position as a statewide university system.

From this point onward, UT Junior College became an increasingly prominent center for agricultural education. The school gained four-year status and was renamed the UT Martin Branch in 1951. A host of new agricultural courses were developed that same year in response to increased demand for training in the area. Dr. Harold J. Smith, who later became head of the School of Agriculture, was instrumental in the creation of new degree options in the agricultural sciences. Smith passed away earlier this year.

Agricultural training continued to expand with the introduction of the UTMB teaching farm during this time period, and the farm was made the 11th experimental

station in the UT System in 1965.

In 1951, the UT Martin Branch officially became the University of Tennessee at Martin and has expanded over the last 66 years into the institution it is today.

Now offering 17 undergraduate degrees and five graduate degrees with more than 117 specialized concentrations between them, UT Martin boasts one of the highest graduation rates among Tennessee state universities. Campus facilities include 48 buildings on a 250-acre main campus, 680 acres of teaching and research lands, and five educational outreach centers in Jackson, Parsons, Ripley, Selmer and Somerville.

The UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences offers bachelor's degrees in agriculture, geoscience, natural resources management, and family and consumer sciences, and master's




The original Hall-Moody Institute

degrees in agriculture and natural resources as well as family and consumer sciences. Students in the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources study agricultural business, agricultural engineering, precision agriculture, animal science, plant and soil science, environmental management, soil and water conservation, and wildlife and fisheries biology, among many other areas.

These graduates ultimately leave UT Martin with a greater understanding of the agricultural world and its importance in global society. Many of them have gone on to make an impact on the field and transform the world of agriculture for the better.

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