

# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## Newsletter of the Office of Grants and Program Review

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### UTC Implements Program to End Violence Against Women on Campus

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A recent Department of Justice study revealed that most victims of sexual assault are full-time college students, one-third of whom are first-year students between the ages of 17-19 years old. Appalled by this and similarly shocking figures, Dr. Helen Eigenberg, Director of UTC's School of Social and Community Services, rallied support from campus administration and secured \$198,672 from the U.S. Department of Justice to prevent and intervene in cases of violence against women on campus. This funding will enable Dr. Eigenberg to expand partnerships with local community organizations such as Partnership for Family, Children, and Adults and The Coalition Against Domestic and Community Violence to implement a new, comprehensive program entitled *Prevent, Reduce, Intervene, Serve, and Educate: Stop Violence Against Women at UTC*.

Dr. Eigenberg and her project team have designed a campus-based advocacy program to prevent violence against women on campus. The program will engage faculty and staff from over 20 UTC offices and departments, and it will be housed in a new multi-purpose Women's Center to be established on campus. Project

Coordinator Ms. Barbara Conforti, a former Victim Coordinator for the Partnership for Family, Children, and Adults, will join the UTC staff to enhance the program with her expertise in the field. The program will benefit from the contributions of UTC instructors including Dr. Richard Hogan who will create a UTC police database to accurately document and track cases of violence against women, and Drs. Ralph Anderson and Vic Bumphus who will develop evaluation tools for the program.

The project team will establish campus-based services for victims, increase awareness of community resources, and create a multi-disciplinary council to coordinate campus-wide response. Dr. Eigenberg and the advisory council will implement strategies to identify and intervene to end incidents of campus violence against women. They will provide professional development for campus law enforcement to better prepare officers to identify and respond to violence against women, and they will audit current policy to ensure that offenders face the highest level of accountability possible. Dr. Eigenberg and the project team will also provide educational programs for students, faculty, staff, and administrators; these programs will highlight consequences and prevention methods for crimes against women.

To increase awareness among students, mandatory sessions on violence against women will be added to freshman orientation; segments on domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking will appear on UTC TV; and awareness rallies will be held on campus to coincide with national awareness campaigns. Victims of violent crimes will have access to a 24-hour crisis hotline.

Dr. Eigenberg and her team are providing a vital service to the University through this program. Students will enjoy a safer campus environment and will benefit from increased awareness about violence against women. Moreover, as one of only a handful of institutions in the country currently operating a Prevention of Violence Against Women on College Campuses grant, UTC takes its place as a leader in the nation-wide effort to reduce these crimes. After the program is in place on our campus, project team members will evaluate its effectiveness and disseminate their findings to other institutions. The work of Dr. Eigenberg and her team will improve the college experience of female students across the nation and help prevent them from becoming victims of violent crimes.

**Funded Grants and Research**  
**November 1, 2002 — January 31, 2003**

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**BIOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**

**MS. DAWN FORD, DR. HENRY SPRATT**

Tennessee Higher Education Commission      Scientific Investigations in the Globe Program      \$36,100

**MATHEMATICS**

**DR. RON SMITH, DR. OSSAMA SALEH**

Tennessee Higher Education Commission      Applications of Algebra      \$57,000

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**DR. LYNN OURTH**

Hamilton County Community Services Agency      Mentoring and Tutoring Services      \$50,000

**SOUTHEAST CENTER FOR EDUCATION IN ARTS**

**MR. KIM WHEETLEY**

Lavine Production Group      Arts Integration in the Middle Grades      \$60,000

**MR. KIM WHEETLEY, MR. JOEL BAXLEY, MR. SCOTT ROSENOW**

Tennessee Higher Education Commission      Arts Integration in the Elementary and Middle Classroom      \$60,240

**EDUCATION AND APPLIED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

**AMERICORPS**

**MR. STAN SMITH**

TN Department of Finance      Program Development and Assistance Training      \$1,920

**CHALLENGER CENTER**

**MR. TOM PATTY**

U.S. Congress      Challenger Center Completion      \$735,348

**CHILDREN'S CENTER**

**MS. ANNE GAMBLE, DR. SARAH SANDEFUR, DR. AMYE WARREN**

U.S. Department of Education      Early SUCCESS      \$607,910

**EDUCATION — GRADUATE STUDIES DIVISION**

**DR. LLOYD DAVIS, DR. TED MILLER**

Public Education Foundation      Evaluation of Teacher Quality Initiative      \$17,000

**DR. TONY LEASE, DR. BONNIE WARREN**

Public Education Foundation      Osborne Fellows Program — Planning Period      \$22,814

## TEACHER PREPARATION ACADEMY

### DR. JANE BROWER

TN Department of Education Governor's School for Prospective Teachers \$60,000

### DR. DEBORAH MCALLISTER

Tennessee Higher Education Commission Algebra and Geometry Navigations for Grades 3-5 \$50,000

### DR. VALERIE RUTLEDGE

Hamilton County Department of Education Reading Excellence Act \$50,000

## ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

#### DR. RON GOULET

Chattanooga Orthopaedic Education and Research Foundation Support for Student Research Assistant \$4,680

#### DR. PHIL KAZEMERSKY

Tennessee Valley Authority Student Research Project Extension \$15,000

#### SIM CENTER, TEAM EFFORT

Veridian Systems, Incorporated Reynolds Averaged Modeling of Polymer Drag Reduction \$170,000

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CAREER EDUCATION

#### MS. CYNTHIA WOOD

Hamilton County Department of Education Career Development Workshops for Parents \$6,000

## OTHER AWARDS

### CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE

#### DR. BETH DODD, Ms. GINNY REESE

TN Department of Education Services to Vocational Health Science Teachers \$10,910

### DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

#### CHIEF DALE MCNEELY

TN Office of Criminal Justice Programs Audio and Video Equipment for Campus Police \$11,687

### WUTC-FM

#### DR. JOHN MCCORMACK

National Public Radio Satellite Equipment for WUTC \$12,548