

University of Tennessee at Martin's WestStar Leadership Class of 2024



On February 23, 2024, The University of Tennessee at Martin's WestStar Leadership Class of 2024 visited the James D. Todd United States Courthouse during their two-day tour of Jackson, Tennessee as part of their instruction on Humanity of Leadership . The mission of the WestStar Leadership Program is to educate, engage and empower a diverse group of community minded individuals to collaborate, lead and serve to facilitate positive change in West Tennessee.



The group first assembled in Magistrate Judge Jon A. York's courtroom and met with U.S. Marshal Tyreece Miller.

Marshal Miller explained the U.S. Marshal's role in protecting the Judges and enforcement of Court Orders.





Madison Gray, a UTM student interning with the U.S. Marshals, discusses how she came through a similar tour with the Criminal Justice Department last year and how that visit encouraged her to apply for an internship.

Blair Moore and Patrick Bumpass from the Clerk's Office explained how cases are brought to federal court and how a case proceeds from beginning to end, including how the jury selection process works.





The group ended their visit by observing an initial appearance and detention hearing before U.S. Magistrate Judge Jon A. York. Magistrate Judge York spoke with the group after the hearings and discussed the different types of matters that would come before him as a magistrate judge.