

Presidents of Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Battelle Memorial Institute to address graduates May 5

By Samantha Watson

The presidents of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and Battelle Memorial Institute will speak at The University of Toledo's commencement ceremonies Sunday, May 5.

During the morning ceremony, Sandra Pianalto, who has been president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland since 2003, will speak to graduates from the colleges of Business and Innovation, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Visual and Performing Arts, and Languages, Literature and Social Sciences at 9:30 a.m. in Savage Arena.

At the afternoon ceremony, Dr. Jeff Wadsworth, president and CEO of the Battelle Memorial Institute since 2009, will address graduates from the Judith Herb College of Education, Health Science and Human Service and the College of Adult



Pianalto

and Lifelong Learning at 2 p.m.

There are 3,041 candidates for degrees — 886 candidates for doctoral, education specialist and master's

degrees, and 2,155 for bachelor's and associate's degrees. Each ceremony will be webcast live on video.utoledo.edu.

"We are honored to have such accomplished professionals as Sandra Pianalto and Jeff Wadsworth at this celebration of academic achievement,"

UT President Lloyd Jacobs said. "These individuals know well the value of higher education and have gone on to do incredible things within their professions and as productive members of their communities. They are both positive role models for our graduates as they move forward in the next chapter of their lives equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills taught by our wonderful faculty."

Pianalto will receive an honorary doctor of business administration and Wadsworth an honorary doctor of engineering. Also receiving an honorary degree will be Robert Savage, a distinguished UT alumnus and co-founder of the Savage & Associates insurance and financial management business in Toledo.

Pianalto began her career at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland in 1983 as an



Wadsworth

economist in the research department. In 20 years, she ascended to assistant vice president of public affairs, vice president and

secretary to the board of directors, first vice president and chief operating officer, and finally president and CEO — a position she's held for 10 years.

Her professional success comes directly from her understanding of the importance

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Party of five: Hill family at home at UT

By Vicki L. Kroll

The alarm goes off at 6:30 a.m. and Shauna and Mike Hill are up.

They have two sons, Nathaniel, 5, and Theodore, 3, to get ready for preschool before their workdays begin.

Shauna takes the boys to the Early Learning Center on Health Science Campus, then goes to work at UT Medical Center, where she's a dietician.

Mike heads north on I-75 to Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, Mich., where the UT doctoral student is an instructor of English.

"They won't let me live at home," Jeanetta Mohlke-Hill joked. "And I don't get up at 6:30."

The UT senior's morning starts a bit later, and she makes her way to Main Campus. Her days left at the University are few; she'll graduate summa cum laude from the Jesup Scott Honors College Sunday, May 5, with a bachelor's degree in women's and gender studies.



Photo by Daniel Miller

UT, SWEET UT: The Hill family, from left, Shauna, Theodore, Mike, Nathaniel and Jeanetta, are right at home at the University.

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Surveyors to visit Health Science Campus to review medical education

By Tobin J. Klinger

The University of Toledo is welcoming to its Health Science Campus surveyors from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the World Federation of Medical Education this week.

The team arrived Sunday and will conduct a full assessment of the structure and functions of the medical school.

"This visit culminates a lengthy process, in which the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, the faculty, the students, the staff, the leadership of our med school, have invested over two years preparing for what is known as a full survey accreditation visit," said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, chancellor and executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, on the latest

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Photo by Esther Fabian

OFFICIALLY OPEN: UT President Lloyd Jacobs held the scissors that he, Philip Gardner, center, and Helen McMaster used to cut the ribbon last week to celebrate the opening of the new Gardner-McMaster Parkinson Center located in the new Medical Pavilion on Health Science Campus. Joining them are members of the UT community as well as members of the Gardner and McMaster families. Generous donations from the two families and additional support from the Parkinson's Foundation of Northwest Ohio helped provide funds to build the center.

Pharmacy commencement to take place May 4

By Charisse Montgomery

The College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will hold its spring commencement Saturday, May 4, at 2 p.m. in Savage Arena.

The college will award 104 doctor of pharmacy degrees, 15 master's degrees and 164 baccalaureate degrees.

Among the 164 baccalaureate degree recipients, a majority will graduate with honors. Seventeen will graduate summa cum laude, 53 will graduate magna cum laude, and 51 will graduate cum laude.

The University of Toledo will confer two honorary degrees at the pharmacy commencement.

Dr. Suzanne Epstein will receive the honorary doctor of humane letters degree. She is the associate director for research for the Office of Cellular, Tissue and Gene Therapies in the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research at the Food and Drug Administration. She also is the principal investigator and regulatory reviewer for the Gene Transfer and Immunogenicity Branch of the Division of Cellular and Gene Therapies. Epstein is a leader among researchers

seeking to develop a universal influenza vaccine that reduces the population's vulnerability to a flu pandemic.

Dr. Paul Abramowitz will receive the honorary doctor of science degree. He is the chief executive officer of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, an organization dedicated to supporting the professional practice of pharmacists in hospitals, health systems, ambulatory care clinics and other settings spanning the full spectrum of medication use. Abramowitz earned a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from The University of Toledo in 1977.

College of Law to hold commencement May 4

By Rachel Phipps

The University of Toledo College of Law commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 4, will recognize 119 candidates eligible for law degrees last December and in May and August.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

Samuel E. Marcellino III, the 2012-2013 Student Bar Association president, and Katherine M. Greene, the class valedictorian, will address their peers during the ceremony.

Richard B. McQuade Jr., a 1965 UT alumnus, former United States District Court Judge and former University trustee, will deliver the commencement address.

Nominated by U.S. President Ronald Reagan, McQuade served on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio from 1986 to 1989. Prior to that, McQuade practiced with his father and brother in Swanton, Ohio, and served as prosecuting attorney and Common Pleas judge in Fulton County, Ohio. He left the federal bench in 1989 to become the president of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Ohio. McQuade now has a dispute resolution practice in Swanton. He recently stepped down after years of service on the University's Board of Trustees.

In recognition of a generous donation by McQuade and his wife, the Law Center auditorium, renovated last summer, has been named the Richard and Jane McQuade Law Center Auditorium. A past gift to the University by the pair funded the McQuade Courtroom, a teaching courtroom used by the Paralegal Studies Program.

"Commencement is always a joyous event," said Daniel J. Steinbock, dean of the College of Law, "and it will be made even more special this year by having one of our most distinguished and generous alumni as the speaker."

A reception at the Law Center immediately will follow the commencement ceremony.

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of education. The daughter of Italian immigrants who came to America more than 50 years ago, Pianalto had helped them study for their United States citizenship examinations as a third-grader.

Pianalto went on to receive bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from the University of Akron and George Washington University, respectively.

Wadsworth is president and CEO of Battelle Memorial Institute, which is the world's largest nonprofit research and development organization. Formed in 1925 in Columbus, Battelle has developed the Xerox machine and a number of innovations in medical technology, telecommunications,

environmental waste treatment, homeland security and transportation.

Before his current position, Wadsworth led Battelle's Global Laboratory Operations business; he oversaw the management of six national laboratories of the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center.

Wadsworth earned a bachelor's degree and doctorate in metallurgy from Sheffield University in England. The University also awarded him a doctor of metallurgy degree in 1991 for his published work, and he received an honorary doctor of engineering degree in 2004.

Savage, who will receive an honorary doctor of commercial science, received his bachelor's in business in 1959 from UT; in 2003, he was awarded the Gold T Award, the highest honor for UT alumni.

A generous alumnus, he gave a \$1 million donation in 2006 that was the catalyst for a state-of-the-art center for students in the College of Business and Innovation: The Savage & Associates Complex for Business and Learning Engagement opened in 2010.

Savage was a member of the UT Board of Trustees for nine years and a trustee for The University of Toledo Foundation for nine years.



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UT COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, May 5
Savage Arena

Two ceremonies: Colleges of Business and Innovation; Languages,
Literature and Social Sciences; Natural Sciences and Mathematics;
and Visual and Performing Arts at 9:30 a.m.

Judith Herb College of Education, Health Science and Human Service, and the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning at 2 p.m.

COLLEGE OF ADULT AND LIFELONG LEARNING DINNER

Friday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m.
Student Union Ingman Room

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND INNOVATION CONVOCATION

Friday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m.
Nitschke Hall Auditorium

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Graduate Commencement: Friday, May 3, at 5 p.m.
Undergraduate Commencement: Saturday, May 4, at 3 p.m.
Nitschke Hall Auditorium

COLLEGE OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES HONORS PROGRAM

Friday, May 3, at 7 p.m.
Driscoll Alumni Center Auditorium

COLLEGE OF LAW COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 4, at 10 a.m.
Student Union Auditorium

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS HONORS PROGRAM

Saturday, May 4, at 2 p.m.
Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall

COLLEGE OF NURSING CONVOCATION AND COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 3, at 1 p.m.
Savage Arena

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND LIFE SCIENCES COMMENCEMENT

Friday, June 7, at 2 p.m.
Stranahan Theater

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 4, at 2 p.m.
Savage Arena

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS HONORS PROGRAM

Saturday, May 4, at 7 p.m.
Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall

Canadian Royal Navy to recognize professors

By Casey Cheap

When a University of Toledo graduate student and member of the Royal Canadian Navy was deployed to Vancouver, British Columbia, for the 2010 Winter Olympics, he was in the middle of the academic year.

Brad Corlett, a native of Windsor, Ontario, is working on his PhD in higher education administration, and the timing of his deployment put him several classes behind in his course work.

However, because of the efforts of Dr. Ron Opp, associate professor of educational leadership and coordinator for the Higher Education Doctoral Program, and Dr. David Meabon, associate professor of higher education, Corlett is nearly caught up. Opp and Meabon have been flexible enough to work around Corlett's unique schedule.

"I am greatly indebted to Dr. Opp and Dr. Meabon for their patience and understanding during my ongoing active duty," Corlett said. "I use a great deal of knowledge and skills

obtained during my studies each and every day in my role as defence learning network coordinator for the Navy."

The two UT faculty members will be honored in a formal ceremony by the Royal Canadian Navy Tuesday, April 30, at 1 p.m. at the UT Veterans Memorial Plaza next to the Memorial Field House. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the foyer on the third floor of Gillham Hall.

"We are pleased to be recognized in this way," Opp said. "It was already particularly challenging to work with someone from Windsor, but it became especially challenging when he was deployed. But over the last year, we have gone out of our way to try to catch him up."

The ceremony will last about 15 minutes and will include remarks from Dr. Penny Poplin Gosetti, vice provost for assessment and strategic planning, Opp, Meabon and Corlett.

Women's Leadership Forum to feature Navy helicopter commander

By Bob Mackowiak

The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation will present its Third Women's Leadership Forum Wednesday, May 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Pinnacle in Maumee.



Chatfield

former commander of the Helicopter Sea Combat Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Chatfield will address leadership challenges faced by women in today's complex world of work. She will discuss the critical issues of leading and building trust in diverse workplaces along with the communication topics of respectively giving and receiving feedback.

In addition, Chatfield will talk about the concept of improving self-knowledge and focusing on achieving results by asking for and acting on feedback. Participants will take away a personal guide to developing a self-knowledge action plan.

Chatfield holds a bachelor of arts degree in international relations and French

"Soaring Your Way to New Leadership Heights" will be the theme of a presentation by Capt. Shoshana S. Chatfield of the United States Navy,

language and literature from Boston University, a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University, and a doctor of education from the University of San Diego.

After earning her wings in 1989, she was assigned to West Coast Helicopter Combat Support Squadrons and subsequently served with HC-1, HC-3, HC-11 and finally with HC-25's Island Knights. She also served as an H-46 flight instructor and an assistant professor of political science at the United States Air Force Academy.

Her personal awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and Joint Service Achievement Medal, among others.

The UT College of Business first presented its Women's Leadership Forum in 2009.

In addition to the UT College of Business and Innovation, the Women's Leadership Forum is sponsored by Ballas Buick GMC, 2-Scale, Black & White Transportation, Industrial Engineering Technologies Inc., HCR ManorCare, First Solar, Buckeye CableSystem, Owens-Illinois Inc., The Blade, Tenneco Inc., SSOE Group, ProMedica and Huntington.

A limited number of seats remain. The cost of the program, including lunch, is \$20 per person. To register, call 419.530.2036 or email ECGC@utoledo.edu.

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edition of "The Chancellor's Corner" on myUT.utoledo.edu.

In preparation for the visit, a team that was led by Dr. Constance Shriner, associate dean for faculty development and curriculum evaluation, developed an extensive self-study that reviewed all 131 standards for accreditation of medical schools.

The survey team will be on campus through the afternoon of Wednesday, May 1.

"We are very proud of the doctor of medicine program, and we warmly welcome the team from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the World Federation of Medical Education to our campus," Gold said.

"If you run into them, tell them how proud we are of our students and how pleased we are to have them on campus," Gold added.

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UT employees may schedule graduate photos

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Photos will appear in an upcoming issue of the paper.

Hill family

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Then the 22-year-old has two weeks before she flies to Paraguay. She'll be in the South American country two and a half years as a member of the Peace Corps.

"I'll be doing community economic development," Jeanetta said. "Basically, I'll be teaching personal finance classes and helping with small business development."

It'll be another addition to an enviable resumé.

While at UT, Jeanetta has interned for the Human Rights Campaign in Washington, D.C., through the Washington Center; traveled to Nicaragua for spring break with the Honors College to help at an elementary school; volunteered to be a note-taker for the Office of Accessibility; helped with UT Women's History Month and Take Back the Night; tutored for three years at the Writing Center and served as assistant director for one year; registered people to vote through Organizing for America; coordinated activities for grade-school children at a local church; and written columns for The Independent Collegian.

And she founded the UT Feminist Alliance in 2011 and served as the student organization's co-president with Hillary Gyuras until a couple weeks ago.

"She's accomplished a lot in the time that she's been at UT," Shauna said.

"I was just telling [Jeanetta] last night how every situation that she's ever in she shines," Mike said. "She really is incredible both because of the amount of work she puts into things and also how much she cares."

That caring started at a young age.

"She always had a sense of justice, wanting to make sure that people who had fewer resources or were not able to defend themselves had what they needed. I think even when she was a kid in elementary school we saw that," Shauna said.

"She has a very strong sense of justice and sense of responsibility, and it's just part of who she is," Mike added.

Jeanetta credits her time at UT to mapping out her future.

"For women and gender studies, there's an emphasis on learning through actually doing stuff, not just sitting in classes, taking in information and reading, but applying what you've learned in your classes, developing the skills you've learned, and putting them in the real-world context," she said.

She and Gyuras did just that through the Washington Center.

"That experience — I can't put a value on it," she said. "It's one of the main reasons I decided not to go to graduate school right away. I decided I wanted to get a little bit more experience in actually doing things and learning about things through activism and action."

Volunteering in Nicaragua through the Honors College also was an influence.

"Going to Nicaragua really helped me figure out that I wanted to apply for the Peace Corps and it's one of the main reasons I committed to it," she said. "I'm ready to go; I'm ready to graduate."

"I'm a little worried, but I'm excited for her because I think that's a perfect fit for her personality and for her experience," Shauna said.

"We'll miss her terribly," Mike said. "We're not worried about international travel or danger or things like that; we take a more realistic view that anything can happen anywhere, so she may as well go live an amazing life."

Jeanetta isn't the only Hill graduating this year. Nathaniel will complete his time at the Early Learning Center in August.

"The teachers there are very good with the kids," Shauna said. "Nathaniel and Theo are always happy to go to school."

"The center really is an amazing resource that I don't think enough people know about at UT," Mike said. "The teachers really work with the children; it's a combination of play and exploration and little lessons. And both the boys thrive there."

Mike, who was a lecturer in English at UT from 2001 to 2006, is at the midway point of his PhD in social foundations of education and said he hopes to graduate next year.

"UT is a foundation for all of our lives — where I had my first professional job and where I'm pursuing my PhD studies, where Shauna has had one of her longest jobs professionally, and Jeanetta has blossomed there, and the boys have started there," he said. "I think it's interesting, all the critiques we might make of UT, but then how much the center of our family it's become because of the opportunity of that regional center of academics and scholarship."

"Our family is so proud to be involved across the campus, and we are profoundly grateful for the opportunities that UT affords us."

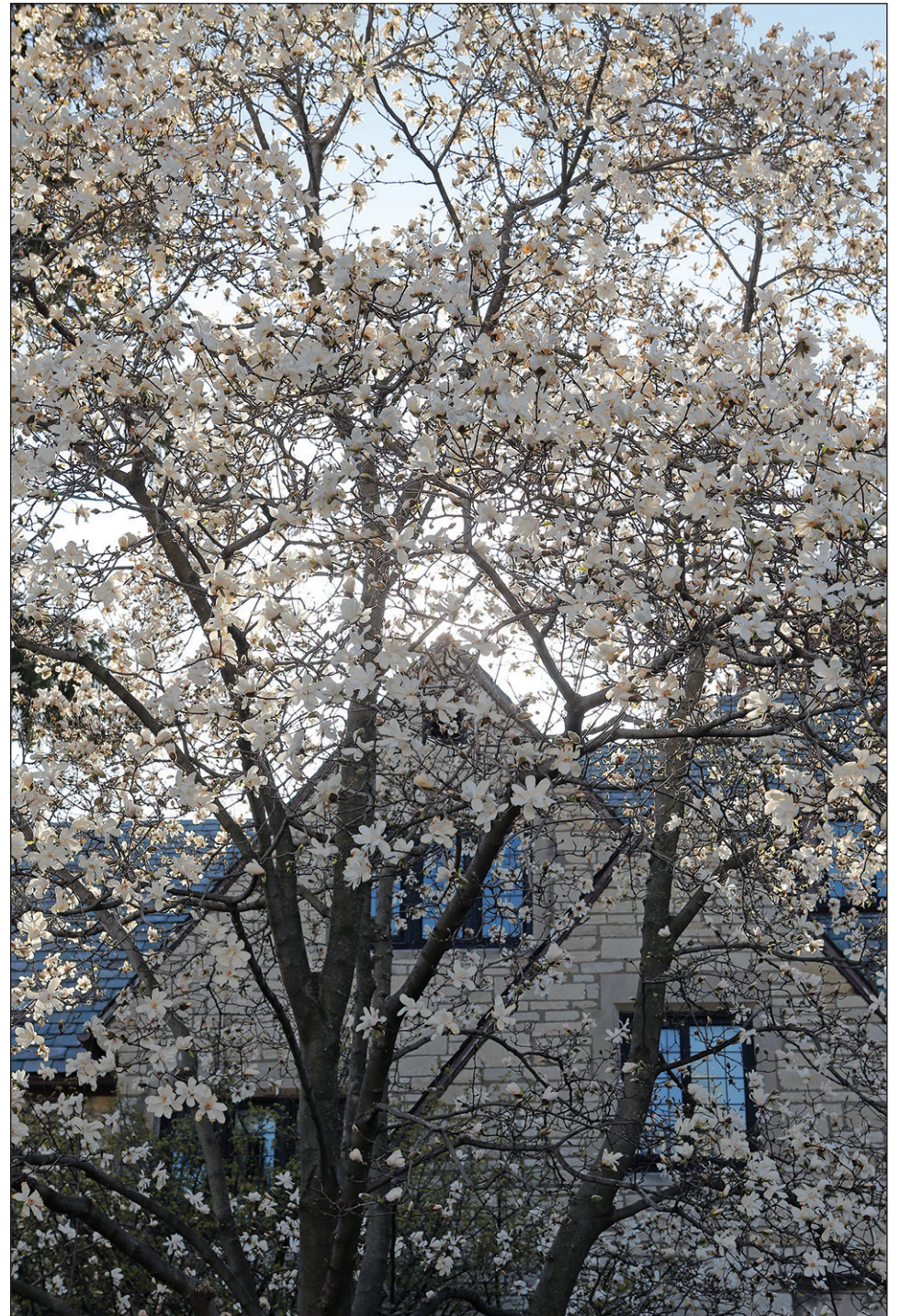


Photo by Daniel Miller

SPRING BLOOMS: University Photographer Daniel Miller took this photo of a white magnolia tree by Tucker Hall on Main Campus last week.

In memoriam

Donald G. Bahna Jr., Knoxville, Tenn., a staff perfusionist at MCO from 1981 to 1991, died April 20 at age 48.

Clara J. "C.J." Hillebrand, Toledo, died April 5 at age 87. She was hired as a clerk at UT in 1974 and two years later was promoted to secretary, the position she retired from in 1993.

Dr. James Peichung Hsu, Toledo, former UT faculty member, died April 13 at age 94.

Dewanna L. Myers, Woodville, Ohio, a former UT instructor, died April 20 at age 73.



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TextsFromLastNight**

Ben Bator is the co-founder of TextsFromLastNight.com (@TFLN). In other words, he turned down a law scholarship to read text messages for a living. He lives, works and texts in Detroit. The website posts random messages from all over.

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Outstanding staff members honored

By Vicki L. Kroll

Six employees received the University's 2013 Outstanding Staff Awards last week during a reception in the Student Union Ingman Room.

The event honored some 20 nominees from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 2415, the Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 4319, and the Professional Staff Association (PSA).

The top winners from the three groups were:

- **AFSCME — Jane Lawrence**, secretary in the Department of Radiation Oncology and Cardiac Rehabilitation at UT Medical Center. She has worked at the hospital for 27 years. "I have worked closely with Jane for many years, and the positive qualities that I have witnessed are her patience and warmth toward our patients," one nominator wrote. "It can get pretty overwhelming with the work load and the many tasks thrown at her during the day. Even if she is having the worst day ever, a patient would never know it. She greets the patients with a warm smile and is willing to help with whatever they may need."

Karen Whitmer, social worker patient care coordinator in UT

Medical Center's Outpatient Rehabilitation. She has worked at the University 25 years. "Karen's role in rehab services has evolved from being mainly rooted in the Outpatient Rehab Clinic to sharing her time with the Coughlin Rehab Unit as well. She handled this transition with grace and continues to juggle patient caseloads in both areas," a nominator wrote. "She is always willing to help when it comes to any and all patients. Karen is willing to listen to co-workers and patients and provide advice or even just share a smile to brighten their days."

- **CWA — Brenda Young**, administrative assistant in the Student Union. She has worked at the University since 2007. "She puts her heart and soul into making each event, whether small or large, as smooth and successful as possible," one nominator wrote. "She seeks out teachable moments, realizing that the mission of the University is to improve the human condition and that all students are here for an education. This education includes their functioning as an employee. She leads by example, always demonstrating patience and courtesy

— even with difficult clients. Brenda defuses tense situations by using humor and creative thinking to offer options and choices whenever possible."

Lynda Obee, records management officer in the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women. She joined the UT staff in 1992. "Lynda has worked different jobs at the University; this experience has made her very knowledgeable. Because of that knowledge, students and staff approach her for help with problems. If Lynda has no answer, she will find the help you need. She does this with a smile," a nominator wrote. "Lynda is always willing to help at University functions. She has put countless hours in on weekends and evenings. She also manages to attend classes to further her education. She's done all this despite some difficulties in her own life."

- **PSA — Sara Clark**, assistant director of the Center for International Studies and Programs. She has worked at the University since 2007. "Sara began at UT as a residence hall director; she lived in the residence hall with her husband and daughter for three years. She welcomed students as part of her family.

Now she is working with a new international-focused living learning community with students moving in this fall," one nominator wrote. "Sara brings a genuine caring and calmness to the busy atmosphere of the center. She understands the joys and difficulties international students face when transitioning to live at UT and in the United States."

Nancy Hintz, assistant director of admission operations in Undergraduate Admission. She joined the UT staff in 1993. "She is thorough, forward-thinking, gets results, and follows through," one nominator wrote. "She is the first to arrive each morning and the last to leave each night. She often spends a portion of her weekend in the office and during the critical orientation season, during heavy workload periods, during project development and implementation timelines, and simply to provide the customer service for which she is known. And she does it all with kindness and a positive attitude; her patience is endless. She is a fearless, logical and understanding leader."



Taking home Outstanding Staff Awards were, from left, Brenda Young, Sara Clark, Jane Lawrence, Lynda Obee, Nancy Hintz and Karen Whitmer.

Photo by Mike Henningsen

University recognizes faculty, staff for advising, research, teaching, outreach work

By Vicki L. Kroll

UT outstanding advisers, researchers and teachers, and recipients of the Edith Rathbun Award for Outreach and Engagement were recognized last week.

Recipients of the Outstanding Adviser Award are:

Christina Hennen, associate director of student services for the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department in the College of Engineering. The UT alumna has worked at her alma mater since 2007.

“Christie has made this past five years at UT a lot easier. Her guidance, kindness, encouragement and enthusiasm are things I will never forget,” one nominator wrote. Another noted, “Students regard Christie as being both professional and a friend. She has been responsible for starting a Peer Mentoring Program in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department. She identifies upperclassmen who work with students in freshman laboratories and who spend extracurricular time with them. The program has greatly improved student retention.”

Dr. Kristen Keith, associate professor of economics and undergraduate adviser for the Department of Economics in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences. She joined the University as an assistant professor in 1994.

“Her availability, commitment and care toward her students have contributed to my

success at UT. Dr. Keith always executes professionalism, respect and dedication toward her students. She is approachable, understanding and knows her facts,” one nominator wrote. “Dr. Keith has helped me overcome my math fears while helping my analytical skills grow stronger.” Another wrote, “Her open-door policy, upbeat personality and nurturing attitude have made my experience at UT rewarding and academically fulfilling. Because of her caring attitude, Dr. Keith forms long-lasting academic relationships; past students regularly stop by her office.”

Recipients of the Outstanding Researcher Award are:

Jane Bradley, professor of English and director of creative writing in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences. She joined the UT faculty in 1990.

Since *Powerlines* was named a notable book of the year by The New York Times Book Review, Bradley has published *Living Doll* and *Are We Lucky Yet?*

“The reception to her latest novel, *You Believers*, has been broadly enthusiastic: ‘a compelling crime story and a credible picture of the intersection of rural poverty and the New South’ declared Library Journal, and Booklist celebrated Bradley’s ‘unending compassion and chilling assessment of the kind of harm that people are able and willing to inflict on one another,’” one nominator wrote. “*You*



Outstanding Researcher Awards went to, from left, Dr. Stanislaw M. Stepkowski, Jane Bradley and Llewellyn Joseph Gibbons.

Believers was selected by Barnes & Noble as one of the best books of 2011. Translated into both Slovak and French, the novel has gained worldwide attention.”

Llewellyn Joseph Gibbons, associate professor of law in the College of Law. He has been teaching at UT since 1998.

“Professor Gibbons’ articles have been cited by courts in California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin and Virginia. He has given presentations on topics relating to intellectual property or e-commerce in the United States, Argentina, China, the United Kingdom, Finland, Italy, Lithuania and Switzerland,” one nominator wrote. “Professor Gibbons is the author of more than 25 law review articles, book chapters and other publications. He is a co-author of a book, *Mastering Trademark Law* (Carolina Press 2013), and is writing a book, *Trademark Myths: The Law, Science and Economics of Trademark Law.*”

He is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a fellow of the Center for Intellectual Property Rights at Zhongnan University in Wuhan, China.

Dr. Stanislaw M. Stepkowski, professor of medical microbiology and immunology in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. He joined the UT faculty in 2008.

“Dr. Stepkowski is an internationally recognized expert in the field of transplantation immunology, especially in the rapidly growing and clinically important area

of immunosuppressive therapeutics,” a nominator wrote. “Over the last 20 years, he has unveiled various mechanisms by which rapamycin and cyclosporine affect immune responses. His group also has developed several novel immunosuppressive agents to prevent graft rejection.”

He has published more than 200 papers in highly ranked, peer-reviewed journals and delivered more than 300 presentations at international and national meetings. He holds four U.S. patents in the areas of immunosuppressive therapeutics. His research has been supported continuously by grants from the National Institutes of Health.

Recipients of the Edith Rathbun Award for Outreach and Engagement are:

Dr. Lynne Hamer, associate professor of foundations of education in the Judith Herb College of Education. She joined the UT faculty in 1994.

“Since 2007, Dr. Hamer’s work in community engagement is based out of the Padua Alliance for Education and Empowerment, which is a collaboration between the Padua Community Center and the UT Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership. Its current work is to support educational opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students in college classes, and for pre-school through 12th-grade students through extracurricular



Photos by Mike Henningsen

Dr. Kristen Keith, left, and Christina Hennen won Outstanding Adviser Awards.



The Outstanding Teacher Awards went to, from left, Dr. Robert Yonker, Dr. Jerry Van Hoy, Dr. Matthew Franchetti, Julie Coyle, Dr. Glenn Lipscomb and Dr. Anthony Quinn.

educational activities,” one nominator wrote.

“The Padua Alliance provides opportunities for future professionals in service professions (education, counseling, social work) to learn how to be actively engaged in communities and thus to experience self-growth, both personally and professionally. It provides neighborhood residents access to high-quality educational opportunities.”

Jennifer Rockwood, senior lecturer in theatre and film in the College of Visual

and Performing Arts. She has worked at UT 27 years.

“Jennifer’s contribution to theater, and thus to the arts, in northwest Ohio is unparalleled. The sheer number of projects in which she has been involved is testimony to her commitment, her intensity and her devotion to theater,” one nominator wrote.

“From her direction of ‘8,’ the controversial play dealing with the rights of same sex partners to marry in California, with its thought-provoking examination of a highly sensitive and emotionally charged topic, to her direction of ‘God of Carnage,’

an adult comedy staged to benefit the Toledo School for the Arts, Jennifer’s latitude within, and mastery of, her medium is evident.”

Recipients of the Outstanding Teacher Award are:

Julie Coyle, lecturer of health and recreation professions in the College of Health Sciences. She taught at the former Community and Technical College from 1992 to 1997 and came back to UT in 2007.

“I am so privileged to have had her for three classes because I’ve never had another professor or instructor that got more people excited to come to class than Ms. Julie Coyle,” one nominator wrote. “Her vast and comprehensive life experiences make for fantastically colorful stories that lend to the subjects in class and in her mission to equip us with lessons for life.” Another wrote, “Never have I seen an instructor walk the line with such grace and professionalism between instructor and peer as she sought to make us feel like her intellectual equals and never once allowed us to feel inferior to her.”

Dr. Matthew Franchetti, assistant professor of mechanical, industrial and manufacturing engineering in the College of Engineering. He came to the University in 2007.

“He is able to convey the subject matter clearly. He uses industrial examples from the companies he worked at prior to the University and since receiving his PhD. He listens carefully to students, and he uses his industrial engineering skills of organization

and time management to be successful in his teaching, advising and research,” one nominator wrote. “He also conducts funded — to the tune of \$375,000 — fundamental research in recycling, supervising three or four students at any one time.” Another noted, “Dr. Franchetti takes the theory, spins it with some real-world applications, and makes it easy to understand and apply.”

Dr. Glenn Lipscomb, professor and chair of chemical and environmental engineering in the College of Engineering. He joined the University in 1994.

“Dr. Lipscomb deserves this award not only for being a great teacher to his current students, but also for continuing to help students when they are no longer in any of his classes. He is an enthusiastic and fun professor who doesn’t just make students learn, but also makes them want to learn,” one nominator wrote. “He has always been kind and courteous, asking how school has been and offering students the opportunity to come to his office anytime for help with any class.” Another noted, “Dr. Lipscomb is a great faculty adviser for the chemical engineering honor society, Omega Chi Epsilon.”

Dr. Anthony Quinn, associate professor of biological sciences in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. He has been teaching at UT since 2001.

“Dr. Quinn has my nomination due to the fact that he has made two advanced courses seem as though they were basic,” a nominator wrote. “Using rationale as a basis for biology, Dr. Quinn explains difficult concepts by building on previous criteria from the courses that makes it essential to not forget certain topics. He doesn’t stress memorizing random facts, but rather the mechanisms behind the facts.” Another wrote, “Dr. Quinn is a mentor to every student who seeks out his knowledge. Whether that pertains to research in general, intricate job details or biology concepts, Dr. Quinn gives his answers.”

Dr. Jerry Van Hoy, associate professor of sociology, co-director of the Program in Law and Social Thought, and director of the Master of Liberal Studies Program in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences. He has been a member of the faculty since 2000.

“Jerry is a fantastic professor and adviser. Multiple times I have stopped by his office outside of office hours and without an appointment and he has dropped



Jennifer Rockwood, left, and Dr. Lynne Hamer received the Edith Rathbun Award for Outreach and Engagement.

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Toledo Excel to celebrate 25 years of academic excellence

This year Toledo Excel, a scholarship incentive program at The University of Toledo, will observe its 25th anniversary and host a celebration Wednesday, May 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Scott Park Concourse on the Scott Park Campus.

This free, public event will showcase Toledo Excel and its students.

Toledo Excel recruits high-achieving, under-represented eighth-grade students in the Toledo area. Selected students who fulfill academic and participation requirements receive a tuition-based scholarship to The University of Toledo upon high school graduation.

The program is designed to prepare students, beginning in the eighth grade, for success in college by providing them with academic enrichment services and activities throughout their high school years.

Toledo Excel also is dedicated to making students into conscientious and active members of the local community by offering a variety of enrichment services and activities that take place at UT in order to familiarize them with the University and collegiate expectations. These services and activities include summer institutes, Saturday school, tutoring, academic advising, career planning, mandatory community service,

the Annual Conference for Aspiring Minority Youth, and ethnographic field study travel opportunities.

During its 25 years, more than 1,300 students have been inducted into Toledo Excel and their academic successes speak for themselves: 99 percent high school graduation rate; 96 percent college enrollment rate; 86 percent college graduates or students matriculating toward graduation.

Upon high school graduation and successful completion of the program, students then are guided through the college application and admission process, and receive academic advising throughout their time at The University of Toledo.

“Working with students from the eighth grade until college graduation and beyond greatly increases their chances for success, both academically and professionally, as well as instilling a sense of the importance of civic involvement and giving back to the community,” said Mérida Allen, associate director of Toledo Excel.

For more information about Toledo Excel or the anniversary celebration, call 419.530.3824.

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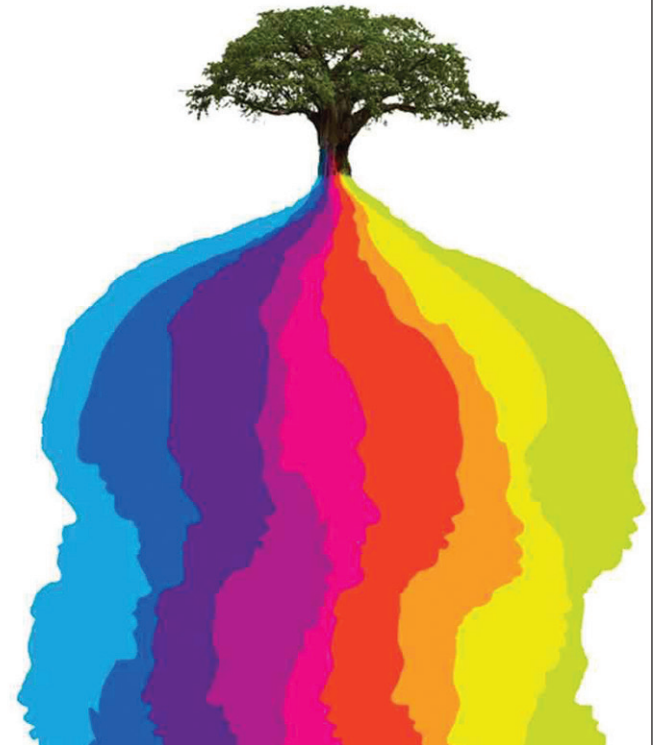
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Award created to honor Hymore

The University of Toledo held a special inaugural award presentation April 22 in honor of Diane Hymore.

Hymore, director of senior administration operations and longtime executive secretary to President Lloyd Jacobs, is the first recipient of the new Diane Hymore Exemplar of Excellence



Hymore

Award named in her honor.

The award is presented to an individual whose work defines the core values of the University in Hymore's spirit of support, encouragement and service.

Hymore, who has worked at the University since 2001, received the recognition at the Outstanding Awards Reception.

University recognizes faculty, staff

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everything to sit down and help me figure out my future plans, schedule, and to just give me advice on life in general,” one nominator wrote. “He is personable, smart, and really cares about his students. He truly wants them to succeed.” Another wrote, “He teaches his classes from a completely different aspect than many other professors, and he is hilarious and makes even the boring topics interesting.”

Dr. Robert Yonker, associate professor of management in the College of Business and Innovation. He joined the faculty in 2003.

“He is very professional, but also treats his graduate students as equals,” one nominator wrote. “He is not afraid to try new assignments, textbooks or ways of teaching as long as it benefits the students. Even if that means more work for him, he is willing to sacrifice that to make sure the students get the greatest learning experience.” Another noted, “He encouraged his students to do better and to never be afraid to speak. I gained my confidence to be able to explain myself to a superior and my peers while being in his classes. I would not be where I am today without his guidance and encouragement.”



Eisler

In addition, **Beth Eisler**, former professor of law who passed away Jan. 12, was honored posthumously with an Outstanding Teacher Award.

For 26 years, Eisler taught in the UT College of Law, mostly in the fields of contracts and evidence. She also served as associate dean for academic affairs in the college from

1993 to 1995 and from 1999 to 2005, and as interim dean from 2005 to 2006. Devoted to and greatly admired by her students, Eisler received the Outstanding Professor Award from the College of Law graduating class three times. In addition, Eisler received The University of Toledo's Student Impact Award in 2011 and 2012.

Kobacker Center to celebrate 30 years

By Brian Purdue

The Kobacker Center, located at The University of Toledo Medical Center, will celebrate 30 years of providing service to the community this year.

Dedicated in August 1983, the center specializes in the behavioral and emotional needs of youth. It is the only inpatient hospital in northwest Ohio that cares for the mental health needs of children younger than 9 and the only agency in the area that offers a complete continuum of inpatient and outpatient care in one location.

“The need for inpatient and outpatient mental health treatment for children and adolescents continues to grow,” said Tamara Cerrone, nurse manager for the Kobacker Center. “The center will continue to provide and improve the quality, family-centered care in our community and continue to be active in research, new therapy modalities and school-based preventative programs.”

The center has helped develop many different services that promote strong inclusion of families in the treatment process. Along with registered nurses, the center has a team of occupational, art, therapeutic and recreation therapy staff to assist patients with expressing feelings

and needs safely as well as increasing self-esteem. Tutors with the center assist families with keeping clients up to date on schoolwork to avoid additional stress.

The center provides diagnostic assessments, medication management, individual and group therapy, and continues to run after-school and summer programs. In addition, staff members have started to provide services directly to patients in their home schools.

There will be a rededication of the center Friday, Sept. 6.



Photo by Daniel Miller

The Kobacker Center staff posed for a photo. They are, from left, Tamara Cerrone, nurse manager; Stephanie Beeler, staff nurse; John Stover, occupational therapist; Karon Price, agency executive director; Sue Stechschulte, staff nurse; Jocelyn Kambas, staff nurse; and Virginia Deakin-York, clients rights officer.

To help recognize Mental Health Awareness Month this May, members of the Kobacker Center will participate as a team — Kobacker Kids — in the National Alliance on Mental Illness Walk Saturday, May 11, on Health Science Campus.

Proceeds will go to the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Greater Toledo.

Those interested in the walk or joining the Kobacker Center’s team can visit namiwalks.org/greatertoledo.

For more information about the Kobacker Center, call 419.383.3815.

South African student pledges social justice through Free the Girls

By Casey Cheap

Much like Jim Crow laws in the post-Civil War South, growing up under Apartheid in South Africa meant living with extreme racism up until the 1990s, recalls University of Toledo student Natasha Smet.

She remembers boys were always free to have more fun than girls.

Under the discriminative Apartheid system, she and her family were reduced to second-class citizens because they are Indian. Until Apartheid fell in 1994, only a small, ruling white minority of the population had full citizenship and rights under South African law.

“One day I went to school and some of the students were standing on their chairs and chanting a song I was not familiar with,” Smet said. “It turned out that was the day Nelson Mandela was released from prison.”

Leading up to that moment, Smet said she never questioned why she could not go to the same school as white students or the same public swimming pools.

“Nuns had been sneaking non-white students into the school I attended,” Smet said. “The day Mandela was released, the Apartheid talk with my parents was a rude awakening.”

Smet was one of just a handful of minority students enrolled the first year South African schools were open to non-whites, and the transition was a difficult one.

In recognition of her experiences and the continued struggles of the region, the occupational therapy graduate student pioneered a Denver-based charity in Toledo called Free the Girls to allow women in Mozambique to buy their freedom.

When she was 19, she came to the United States. After earning her bachelor’s degree in occupational therapy from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Smet arrived in Toledo and started collecting gently used bras to be donated to women in Mozambique through the Free the Girls program.

With just one of these bras — considered a luxury item — women in impoverished Mozambique can buy their freedom, Smet said. The program helps women who have been exploited through prostitution and sex trafficking earn a living by selling bras in the second-hand clothing market. Smet has collected 176 bras to date.

“It sounds very cliché, but when I arrived in the United States, I only had \$200, a suitcase and a ridiculous drive



Smet

to succeed,” Smet said. “I think that occupational therapy is the ultimate social justice profession. We give people the tools to help themselves; we give a hand up, not a hand out.”

High school girls to visit UT for Women in STEMM Day

More than 100 future engineers and scientists will visit The University of Toledo as part of the fourth annual Women in STEMM Day of Meetings, WISDOM, Thursday, May 9.

Throughout the event, which will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., girls in their sophomore years in high school will visit both the Main and Health Science campuses to learn about science and technology. Girls will explore and perform experiments in a number of areas: physics and astronomy, chemistry, biology, engineering, pharmacy, and medicine.

The event is hosted by the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Association for Women In Science, which organizes the exploration day to encourage young women to consider careers in one of the areas offered at the Women in STEMM Day.

“Girls are increasingly interested in science, but there continues to be a lower number of girls pursuing that interest in college and subsequently their careers,” said Dr. Isabel Escobar, UT professor of chemical and environmental engineering, interim assistant dean for research development and outreach in the College

of Engineering, and past president of the Association for Women in Science. “It is our goal that events like Women in STEMM Day will inspire girls to embrace science and technology.”

Students from all Toledo Public Schools and Washington Local Schools, as well as Toledo Islamic Academy, will participate in the Women in STEMM Day at UT.

The students will spend the morning at the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m., and then from 11 to 11:45 a.m. visit the College of Engineering, where they will have lunch. Following lunch, they will visit the UT Health Science Campus from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

In addition to the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Association for Women in Science, the event is sponsored by the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, the Toledo Chapter of the American Chemical Society, SSOE Group, Marathon Petroleum Corp., and the UT colleges of Engineering, Medicine and Life Sciences, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Psychological impact of living through tornado assessed

By Samantha Watson

After witnessing a tornado in Iowa in 2006, Dr. Jason Rose became interested in how people cope once their lives have been uprooted by these natural disasters.



Rose

“When people have a disaster happen — something traumatic — you want to get a sense of how they’re able to adjust or cope,” the UT assistant professor of psychology said.

Rose joined psychology professors Jerry Suls, Paul Windschitl and Andrew Smith to study this topic. Their findings were somewhat of a surprise to them.

“What happens is that people become pretty optimistic about the future,” Rose said. “They don’t really feel like tornado injuries are likely to happen to them. When comparing themselves to their peers, they feel like they are uniquely invulnerable.”

To find this information, Rose and his colleagues established areas in Iowa that had

been dramatically affected by the tornado they had witnessed. They then found areas that were not affected and surveyed residents from those two areas.

They found that residents in the areas most affected actually were more optimistic about avoiding future tornado injury than were residents from the least affected locations.

“It’s kind of an interesting finding and somewhat counter-intuitive,” Rose said.

He said one explanation could be that the people in the impacted areas know they have survived a tornado once and they feel confident they could again. Another reason is the old idea that lightning doesn’t strike twice in the same place, so those affected may think that this rare event will not happen to them more than once.

Rose and the psychology professors collectively wrote an article published March 1 for the journal *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. Suls, a professor at the University of Iowa, was the main author; he was assisted by Rose, Windschitl of the University of Iowa and Smith of Appalachian State University.



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Workshop to encourage girls in science

By Samantha Watson

A hands-on workshop on global climate change will take place at The University of Toledo to increase girls’ interest in math and science.

“Research has shown that around the middle school years, girls begin to lose interest in pursuing math and science,” said Dr. Rupali Chandar, UT associate professor of astronomy. “We want to help girls hold onto this interest by reminding them that science and learning are fun.”

Girls in Science 2013 will take place Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at UT when students in fifth through 12th grade will have the chance to learn about the sun and its impact on Earth and nearby planets in the Ritter Planetarium and the basics of alternative energy research going on at the University by touring one of the photovoltaic labs.

There will be several faculty, staff and students speaking with the girls and helping them with various activities, including creating a homemade solar cell.

“This event provides a great opportunity for middle school girls to hang out together and learn about science through hands-on experiments, lectures and well-designed science videos,” Chandar said.

Only 24 girls may participate in this event, and registration is first-come, first-served.

All materials and lunch are included with registration. Funding for this event is provided by the National Science Foundation.

To register a student, contact Alex Mak, associate planetarium director, at 419.530.4641 or alexander.mak@utoledo.edu.

Pharmacy students match with residency programs

By Casey Cheap

The wait is over for students in the UT College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences doctor of pharmacy program who were anxiously awaiting their matches for upcoming residencies.

The matches were announced last month when 15 UT graduates placed in residencies throughout the country.

Dr. Martin Ohlinger, the critical care pharmacy residency program director, said residency programs are looking for students who understand that pharmacy has become more individualized and that pharmacists have to develop relationships where they actively engage their patients and other health-care providers.

"We are looking for candidates who have a good understanding of that," Ohlinger said. "Employers want candidates with good patient care skills and who have had some experience in that setting."

UT students matched with the Beth Israel Medical Center in New York and Harper Hospital in Detroit, as well as the Rutgers University Daiichi Sankyo fellowship program in Parsippany, N.J. Of the total 15 matches, 11 have been placed in Ohio.

"We have a nice mix of students," Ohlinger said. "Some of our grads are even staying in Toledo. We have a very comprehensive program at UT, so the student and resident experience is quite diverse."

The process to match into a residency is very competitive, Ohlinger said, and includes criteria beyond grades that are considered to get into a program. Selected students usually show leadership in professional organizations, community involvement and charity work.



MOVING ON: Students graduating in May from the doctor of pharmacy program include, from left, Andrew Azzi, Julie Miller, Benjit Singh, Sarah Albers, Amber DeVore and Stephanie Ogorzaly. All will continue their post-graduate training.

UT student wins National Pharmacy Leadership Award

By Casey Cheap

Abigail Rabatin, a fifth-year pharmacy student at The University of Toledo, recently was recognized with 11 other students nationwide for her leadership on campus.

She received the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists' National Pharmacy Leadership Award for her work experience and leadership position in the UT pharmacy program.

Rabatin, who is from Twinsburg, Ohio, is the president of the UT Student Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists, an alumnus of Delta Delta Delta, and a College of Pharmacy Ambassador. She also has experience as a teaching assistant for a drug information lab.

"I have had a pretty well-rounded experience as a student, doing research, teaching and getting involved with the Student Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists,"

Rabatin said. "Showing you are a person committed to health systems practice as opposed to someone just applying for positions really sets those who won the award apart."

As president of the Student Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists, Rabatin was instrumental in organizing events such as Generation RX, a program that educates residents in nursing homes about some of the most commonly prescribed medications.

In addition to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists recognition that includes a plaque and mention in the society's newsletter, winners of the award received a \$2,500 cash prize and 10 textbooks that will be needed when Rabatin starts her clinical rotations next year.

"I want to thank the College of Pharmacy and my teachers and advisers," Rabatin said. "I wouldn't change any experience or moment of my time at UT."

When she finishes her residency, Rabatin plans to work in outpatient medicine.

"I would like to be an outpatient clinical pharmacist because they deal with chronic disease," Rabatin said. "I like the idea of building a relationship with the patients."



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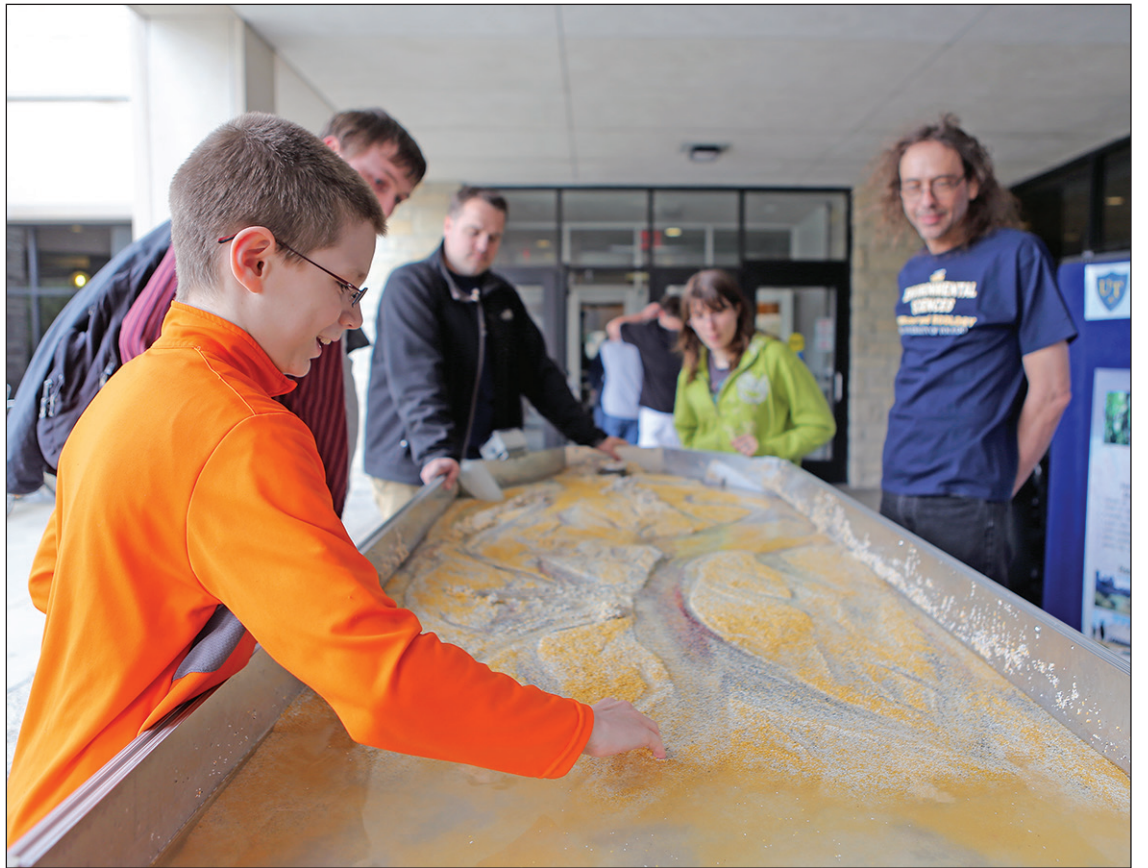
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Paying tribute to the planet



Bernard Pinkney participated in a drumming circle during the 14th annual EarthFest last week.



Photos by Daniel Miller

Elliot Rice checked out a flow table during EarthFest, which was organized by the Society for Environmental Education, a student-run organization.

University changes shuttle schedule for summer

By Casey Cheap

University Transit Services will change service starting Monday, May 13, to accommodate students during the summer.

Monday through Friday during the summer, Transit Services will run shuttles from 6:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. from the Student Union to the Toledo Museum of Art Campus, Health Science Campus and Kenwood Gardens.

However, there will be no Blue and Gold Loop, Scott Park Campus, Pharmacy Express, Westfield Franklin Park Mall or Wal-Mart shuttles.

Call-a-ride service will be available Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. for those who need transportation to and from published shuttle stops after the fixed

routes are finished for the day by calling 419.530.1033.

There will be no bus service from Saturday, May 4, to Sunday, May 12.

The summer schedule will continue until Friday, Aug. 2, when there will be a two-week break for general maintenance performed on buses for the upcoming school year.

Fall bus service will begin Sunday, Aug. 18, at 5 p.m. for freshman parking on the Scott Park Campus.

Diana Watts, UT transit program director, said the summer bus routes and schedule will be available online Monday, May 6, at transit.utoledo.edu.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk to be held May 11

By Casey Cheap

Support the American Cancer Society's efforts to end breast cancer at the seventh annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Northwest Ohio.

The fundraising walk will take place Saturday, May 11, at 9:30 a.m. at the Town Center at Levis Commons in Perrysburg.

The University of Toledo Medical Center is a primary sponsor for the 2013 event and has supported the fundraiser since it started.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to join UT mascots Rocky and Roky at the event to raise awareness about the disease and raise money for a cure.



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"It is a great family-friendly event," said Esther Fabian, UT associate vice president for branding and creative services, who is a breast cancer survivor and team captain for the Rockets for the Cure team. "UT should have a great showing."

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Six graduate students to present at international Steinbeck conference

By Brian Purdue

It is an honor for a graduate student to present research on an international forum. For an upcoming conference on writer John Steinbeck, The University of Toledo will send an unprecedented six students.

The students will travel to San Jose State University in California, where they will each give a 25-minute presentation on aspects of the author and his works.

The conference, "Steinbeck and the Politics of Crisis: Ethics, Society and Ecology," will take place Wednesday through Friday, May 1-3, and will be presented by the John Steinbeck Society of America and sponsored by the Martha Heasley Cox Center for Steinbeck Studies at San Jose State University.

"I think it's a special gift that so many students are coming from a single university," said Nick Taylor, director of the Steinbeck Center. "We had paper proposals from all over the world, so the students were competing with scholars from India, Japan, Europe. One of our goals with this conference was to regenerate the ranks of Steinbeck scholarship, and thanks to Tom Barden, we are well on our way."

Each student is part of the class John Steinbeck, Writer, which is taught by Dr. Tom Barden, professor of English. Last year, Barden published *Steinbeck in Vietnam*,

a complete collection of the dispatches the American novelist wrote as a war correspondent for *Newsday* magazine.

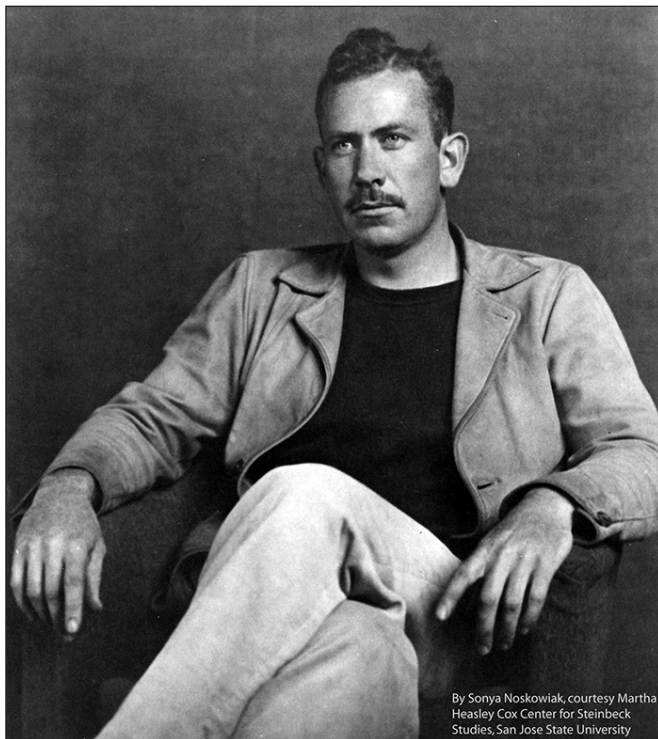
"I'm very proud of the students, and I'm sure it'll be a fun and great experience to share with them," said Barden, who also will present at the conference.

The students, all pursuing master of arts degrees, are:

- Laura Delucia, a second-year grad student studying English literature from Ottawa, Ohio;
- Zachary Fishel, a second-year grad student studying literature from Janesville, Pa.;

- David Hartwig, a first-year grad student studying English literature from New Bremen, Ohio;
- Felicia Preece, a second-year grad student studying modern American literature, American realism/naturalism from Eastpointe, Mich.;
- Jamie Renda, a first-year grad student studying English from Waterville, Ohio; and
- Juliana Restivo, a first-year grad student studying literature from Toledo.

"Being selected feels great. It's really heartening to feel like your literary interests and academic voice are recognized and seen as important to the goals of literary study," said Delucia, who will present her research



Steinbeck

By Sonya Noskowiak, courtesy Martha Heasley Cox Center for Steinbeck Studies, San Jose State University

on the use of automobiles in *The Grapes of Wrath*. "As an English literature graduate student, and as a teacher in training, being selected to present at the conference gives me, professionally speaking, a better sense of direction as to the kinds of doors my degree opens."

The conference will be held in conjunction with the 33rd Annual Steinbeck Festival, which is hosted by the National Steinbeck Center. The festival will take place Friday through Sunday, May 3-5, in Salinas, Calif., the birthplace and childhood home of Steinbeck.

Campus survey promotes new Green Office Certification Program

By Casey Cheap

The Green Office Certification Program will be coming to an office near you.

A new survey is part of the University's Sustainability, Energy, Efficiency and Design Initiative and was written by Brooke Mason, UT interim sustainability specialist, and Matt Repka, a senior majoring in environmental studies and intern. It was created to see how sustainable offices are at the University.

Employees interested can share information about their offices by taking the survey.

The UT Green Office Survey will be used to determine which campus offices are conserving energy, recycling and reducing waste.

"There are a number of little things you might not think have a big impact, but they do," Repka said. "They can be as small as energy-saving light bulbs, washable mugs instead of Styrofoam cups, turning off lights or unplugging appliances."

The program is modeled after similar efforts at Bowling Green State University and Duke University. The certification program will give campus offices an incentive to become more eco-friendly. Each office that opts into the program will get a certificate that can be displayed.

Any office on campus is eligible to take part in the survey. It was written broadly to include both smaller, single staff or faculty members' offices and larger complexes of offices, such as department offices.

"Measures for smaller offices can include reasonable temperatures if the office is climate-controlled, the brightness of computer screens, or whether or not appliances are plugged into a power strip instead of the wall," Repka said.

Results from the survey will be used to create tiers for the Green Office Certification Program.

Those interested can take the survey at <http://utoledo.do/greenofficesurvey>.

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Women's basketball star to be inducted into MAC Hall of Fame

By Brian DeBenedictis

Former Toledo women's basketball great Kim Knuth will be inducted into the Mid-American Conference Hall of Fame Thursday, May 30, at the MAC Honor's Dinner at the Cleveland Renaissance Hotel.

Other members of the 2013 MAC Hall of Fame induction class are Dave Keilitz (Central Michigan, baseball), Bill Mallory (Miami/Northern Illinois, football), Brad Maynard (Ball State, football), John Offerdahl (Western Michigan, football), Christi Smith (Akron, track and field) and Gary Trent (Ohio, men's basketball).

Knuth was a two-time MAC Player of the Year (1997-98 and 1998-99), a three-time first-team All-MAC selection (1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99), and the MAC Tournament MVP in 1999. The former Rocket standout also was named honorable mention All-America by the Associated Press in 1998-99.

She stands as the MAC's all-time leading scorer (2,509 points) for both men's and women's basketball. She also ranks first in league history in steals (368) and field goals made (899); third in three-point field goal percentage (42.6 percent); sixth in free throws made (548); and 19th in assists (484).

In Toledo's career record books, Knuth ranks first in points scored,

scoring average (20.2), three-point field goal percentage and thefts, tied for first in free throws made, third in free throw percentage (82.3 percent), fourth in overall field goal percentage (54.6 percent) and minutes played (3,731), fifth in helpers and ninth in overall caroms (779). She led the Midnight Blue and Gold in scoring as a sophomore (20.4), junior (22.0) and senior (25.4).

Knuth and the Rockets played in the NCAA Tournament in 1996, 1997 and 1999, as well as advanced to the WNIT in 1998. During her four years with Toledo, the Rockets' record was 101-23, including 60-10 in MAC play.

The St. Joseph, Mich., native also was named second-team Academic All-America as a senior in 1998-99. She was a three-time Academic All-MAC selection and graduated cum laude from UT's College of Engineering in 1999.

The 1995-96 MAC Freshman of the Year married former Rocket football player Ryan Klaer.

The MAC Hall of Fame was approved by the MAC Council of Presidents in 1987. The charter class was inducted in 1988 and subsequent classes were added in 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1994. After six induction classes, the MAC Hall of Fame maintained 52 members until it was reinstated in



Knuth

May 2012. This year's class brings the number of MAC Hall of Fame inductees to 65 individuals from eight classes with seven Rockets part of that select group.

Toledo's Members in MAC Hall of Fame

Kim Knuth, Women's Basketball (2013)

Bob Nichols, Men's Basketball (2012)

Tom Beutler, Football (1994)

Mel Long, Football (1992)

Frank Lauterbur, Football (1990)

Steve Mix, Men's Basketball (1989)

Chuck Ealey, Football (1988)



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CREWMATES: President Lloyd Jacobs posed for a photo with a member from the Blue Crew during Student Appreciation Day festivities last week.

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