

## Ohio Senate president, international business leader to address UT graduates May 10

By Aimee Portala

Leaders of government and business will address The University of Toledo graduates at spring commencement ceremonies Sunday, May 10.

During the 9:30 a.m. ceremony, Sen. Keith Faber, representative of the 12th State Senate District in western Ohio, will speak to graduates from the colleges of Adult and Lifelong Learning, Health Sciences, Social Justice and Human Service, and the Judith Herb College of Education.

Roy Armes, CEO, president and chair of Cooper Tire and Rubber Co., will speak during the 2 p.m. ceremony for the colleges of Business and Innovation, Communication and the Arts, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Languages, Literature and Social Sciences.

There are 2,962 candidates for degrees, including 165 doctoral candidates, 646 master's candidates

and 2,023 bachelor's candidates. The remaining 128 candidates are for education specialist, graduate certificates or associate's degrees.

The ceremony will be broadcast live on video.utoledo.edu.

Faber will receive an honorary doctor of public administration.

He represents the 12th State Senate District in western Ohio, encompassing all of Allen, Champaign, Mercer and Shelby counties, as well as portions of Auglaize, Darke and Logan counties. Faber serves as president of the Ohio Senate. He previously served three terms in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Faber also served on several Senate committees involved with fiscal management, including as chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Government Oversight and vice chairman of the Senate



Armes



Faber

## UT, Ernest Health announce groundbreaking for Rehabilitation Hospital of Northwest Ohio

Ernest Health Inc. and The University of Toledo will break ground on the Rehabilitation Hospital of Northwest Ohio Tuesday, May 12.

The hospital will be constructed and operated by Ernest Health and located on UT's Health Science Campus.

The new facility, which will be known as the Rehabilitation Hospital of Northwest Ohio, will provide intensive physical rehabilitation services to patients recovering from strokes, brain and spinal cord injuries, and other impairments as a result of injuries or illness.

As an affiliate of UT, the hospital will provide training opportunities for resident physicians of the University through a physical medicine and rehabilitation residency program and for students through clinical rotations for physical, occupational and speech therapy as well as nursing.

"We are excited to work with The University of Toledo and establish our first physical medicine and rehabilitation educational program. It's been rewarding to collaborate with the University's leadership to meet this community need," said Angie Anderson, senior vice president of development for Ernest Health.

Ernest Health currently operates 23 post-acute care hospitals, including 15 rehabilitation hospitals that have consistently been recognized as being in the top 10 percent of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals nationwide for care that is patient-

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## Good day sunshine



Photos by Cam Norton

Students filled Centennial Mall April 29 for fun, free food, and to meet some four-legged friends from the Toledo Area Humane Society. Student Appreciation Day was sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs and Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, senior vice president for student affairs.

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## UT officials announce chief information officer transition plans

By Jon Strunk

**T**om Biggs, interim senior vice president for finance and administration, announced May 1 an executive-level transition in the Division of Information Technology.



McCreary

In a letter to The University of Toledo campus community, Biggs announced that Godfrey Ovwigho, UT vice president and chief information officer since 2008, has

accepted a similar position at the University of Akron. His last day will be June 30.

“Godfrey has done a masterful job of upgrading information technology services at UT while working with a limited budget,” Biggs wrote. “He and his team have significantly improved customer service and response times to IT issues and concerns.”

We are all greatly appreciative of the services and accomplishments Godfrey has provided UT in his seven years of service.”

Biggs announced that UT Chief Technology Officer Bill McCreary will assume CIO responsibilities July 1.

“Bill has had extensive experience and success as a CIO, and we are honored that he has accepted these new responsibilities at UT. Bill will use his extensive experience and relationships to continue to grow our information technology services at UT,” Biggs wrote.

Biggs said the CIO role will be in addition to McCreary’s current responsibilities overseeing academic technology, advanced computing, simulation and game development, the Center for Creative Instruction and the Lloyd A. Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center.

McCreary will report to Biggs in his CIO role, with a dotted line to Interim Provost John Barrett for his other responsibilities.

## Artful thank you



Photo by Daniel Miller

Interim President Nagi Naganathan, left, shook hands with John W. Barfield and shared a laugh with artist Paul Collins and Betty Jane Barfield last week after a dedication ceremony for the new artwork on the fifth floor of Mulford Library. The John W. & Betty Jane Barfield Exhibit features artwork by Collins. The couple collected many of Collins’ works over the years, amassing a collection worth more than \$230,000 that includes works painted during visits to Harlem and Africa, as well as pieces inspired by Japan and Native Americans. The Barfields donated the collection to the Charles H. Wright African American Museum in Detroit. When John Barfield showed the collection to then-UT President Lloyd Jacobs, who he was introduced to by Dr. Nina McClelland, former dean of the UT College of Arts and Sciences, they discussed putting it on display at the University. Juanita Moore, president and CEO of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American Museum, agreed to permanently loan the collection to UT.

## Forever blue



Photos by Daniel Miller

A mural titled “Connections” on the 158-foot wall between the Tom and Betsy Brady Engineering Innovation Center and Nitschke Hall Auditorium was dedicated last week. Students from the Toledo School for the Arts, the College of Communication and the Arts, and the College of Engineering collaborated on the design for the work. The Bradys, who spoke at the event, sponsored the project, which depicts the evolution of engineering and includes representations of multiple engineering disciplines.



## Pharmacy commencement to take place May 9

By Charisse Montgomery

The College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will hold its spring commencement Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. in Savage Arena.



Mishoe

The college will award 94 doctor of pharmacy degrees, 16 master's degrees and 126 baccalaureate degrees.

Among the 126 baccalaureate degree

recipients, a majority will graduate with honors. Five will graduate summa cum laude, 25 will graduate magna cum laude, and 41 will graduate cum laude, along with two who will receive departmental honors and three who will receive both college and departmental honors.

Three valedictorians will speak. Jeremy Canfield, a pharmacology and toxicology

major, is the valedictorian for the bachelor of science in pharmaceutical sciences class; and Carl Buchwald and Maureen Converse, valedictorians for the doctor of pharmacy class, will present a speech together.

The college will recognize Kevin Omerza, the first to earn the dual doctor of pharmacy and master's degree in health outcomes and socioeconomic sciences, as well as Emily Crissman, Robert Farrell and Jennifer Offenbacher, the first three students to complete dual bachelor's and master's degrees in medicinal chemistry.

The college will confer an honorary doctor of science degree upon Rear Adm. Helena Mishoe, associate director of research training and diversity at the National Institutes of Health and National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

Her career in research and medicine has spanned decades and includes service as the assistant surgeon general of the U.S. Public Health Service. She has led initiatives to increase public awareness of sickle cell anemia, promote health education in rural areas, and improve HIV treatment in Angola, among many other achievements.

## College of Law to hold commencement May 9

By Rachel Phipps

The University of Toledo College of Law commencement ceremony will take place Saturday, May 9, and recognize those 107 candidates eligible for law degrees in December, May and August, as well as two candidates for the master of studies of law degree.

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

Bryant S. Green, the class valedictorian, and Daniel J. Brewer, the immediate past president of the Student Bar Association, will address their peers during the event.

Judge Jack Zouhary of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, will deliver the commencement address. A 1976 graduate of the College of Law, Zouhary was nominated to the U.S. District Court by President George W. Bush in 2005.

"The faculty and staff are proud of our 2015 graduates and look forward to celebrating with them," said Daniel J. Steinbock, dean of the College of Law. "We are honored to have Judge Zouhary, one of



Zouhary

hundreds of judicial officers among our alumni, address the graduating class." Before joining the bench, Zouhary was a partner at Robison, Curphey & O'Connell LLC, a law firm with offices in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, and senior vice president and general counsel for S.E. Johnson Companies, a construction and quarry operator in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. He received a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College.

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

## Leading the fight



Photo by Daniel Miller

Dr. Celia Williamson, UT professor of social work, spoke last week at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute. An international expert in the fight against human trafficking, Williamson is the director of the new institute, which will respond to human trafficking and social justice through teaching, research and service. Programs will be established to help victims become survivors and for survivors to become "thrivers": individuals who have completed the healing process and established stable and productive lives. The UT Board of Trustees voted in November to establish the institute as a response to the more than 29.8 million people worldwide trapped in modern-day slavery as victims of human trafficking.

## In memoriam

**James A. Metzger**, Perrysburg, died April 28 at age 83. He joined the MCO staff as a building operator in 1985 and retired in 1995.



Raitt

**Ronald D. Raitt**, professor emeritus of law, Toledo, died April 21 at age 83. He joined the College of Law as an assistant professor in 1966. He was promoted to associate professor in 1969 and a few years later to professor. Raitt served as assistant dean and director of admissions programs in the College of Law. He published articles on evidence and product liability law and was the co-author of *Evidence, Cases and Problems*. Raitt received the University's Outstanding Teacher Award in 1997, and law classes from 1990, 1993, 1995 and 1997 named him Outstanding Teacher in the college. He retired in 2002. Memorials are suggested to a scholarship fund in Raitt's name through the UT Foundation.

**Thomas I. Webb Jr.**, Toledo, who served on the MCO Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2005, died April 22 at age 66. He was a partner in the Toledo law firm of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick.



# Proposal for app to reduce hospital readmissions wins 2015 Business Innovation Competition

By Bob Mackowiak

The winners of The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation's fifth annual Business Innovation Competition were announced recently, with \$17,500 in prize money being distributed to those who placed in the top four.

The proposal for the HeyDoc app most impressed the judges, winning the students behind the idea the first-place prize of \$10,000 to help make their idea a reality.

Robert Ariss and Mahbod Pourriahi, both sophomores in the UT College of Engineering, said they hope to have their HeyDoc app on the market in about one year and already are talking to health-care systems.

"The HeyDoc app is designed for health-care professionals to help reduce hospital readmission rates, which cost approximately \$41.3 billion a year," Ariss said.

Pourriahi explained, "While other patient portals focus on merely opening a line of communication between the provider and patient, HeyDoc is unique as it allows physicians to increase patient compliance and reduce readmission rates through proprietary features we have created. It is a pre-emptive investment for hospitals to reduce readmissions and thus reduce fines."

Ariss and Pourriahi admitted to being excited about winning the top prize, saying they learned about the annual contest from posters displayed throughout the UT campus. They also encouraged others to explore entrepreneurship and enter the competition.

"Just as we learned in Design Club in the College of Engineering, you have to identify a problem and then find a solution," Ariss said.

"The fifth year of the business competition was a remarkable success as the College of Business and Innovation received 19 entries from across UT campuses," said Dr. Sonny Ariss, chair and professor of the UT Department of Management. "I cannot be happier than to see the students of the four winning entries this year going for their goal. Through this competition, as well as through classes and other activities in the College of Business and Innovation, we are trying to turn around the thinking on campus, to encourage people to start their own businesses, to create jobs, and to stir



**INNOVATORS:** Winners of the fifth annual Business Innovation Competition were, from left, Linda Parra, Sulaiman Mustapha, a freshman majoring in bioengineering and a member of the third-place team, Scott McIntyre, Mahbod Pourriahi and Robert Ariss.

economic development. In my book, they are all winners."

"The spirit of entrepreneurship is critically important to the ongoing success of every university and every community," noted Dr. Gary Insch, dean of the UT College of Business and Innovation. "This business competition truly reflects our emphasis on supporting innovation, fostering creative thinking, and nurturing the entrepreneurial environment, which is so essential for the economic growth of this region."

In addition to the HeyDoc app by Ariss and Pourriahi, other winning proposals and entrants are:

- Second-place winner (\$5,000) is Vitalys app, which is for infection detection and progression, by Pourriahi.

- Third-place winner (\$2,000) is COcampus, an online platform for budding entrepreneurs on college campuses, by Scott McIntyre.
- Fourth-place winner (\$500) is Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, the first Spanish radio station in northwest Ohio, by Linda Parra.

"The College of Business and Innovation again clearly demonstrates our support for advancing entrepreneurship by being the sole sponsor of this University-wide competition this year, and we stand ready to offer guidance to help these teams emerge beyond the University into the community," Ariss said. "We want to see these ideas and business plans effectively implemented, creating jobs and enhancing the economic growth of the region."

Entries for the fifth business plan competition were due in February. Finalists

made oral presentations about their businesses to a panel of judges in April.

Judges for this year's competition were Chris Anderson, Anderson Strategy; Dan Slifko, Rocket Ventures; Craig Burns, Marshall & Melhorn; Anthony Calamunci, Roetzel; and Joel Epstein, Waverly Partners.

Prize money is awarded to the newly formed business entity, not to the individuals.

"The big issue with entrepreneurship is that at first glance an idea may not seem obtainable," Pourriahi said, "but you have to believe in yourself, and you can find a viable solution."



## Student receives national fellowship, set to spend summer working in New York

By Lindsay Mahaney

In New York City's bustling metropolis, a University of Toledo student will apply his knowledge and passion for a world-renowned fellowship this summer.

LaVelle Ridley, a third-year English major and Africana studies minor, was selected as a research fellow for the 2015



Ridley

Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute in New York City.

The highly competitive program accepts 10 rising seniors each year to participate in projects at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, which is affiliated with the New York Public Library. The institution is the world's leading research center devoted to the preservation and dissemination of materials on the African and African Diaspora experience.

"I feel really honored, grateful and proud of myself and my department," Ridley said. "It really hasn't even sunk in all the way. Even if there was only 100 other applicants, the fact that they thought I deserved it more than others and they find that my work is something to be invested in, that's an honor."

With the purpose of encouraging primarily minority students with an interest in or passion for Africana studies to pursue graduate degrees in the humanities, the program is right up Ridley's alley.

"When I started the English major at UT, I originally wanted to research the Romantic period of literature. I really like the Romanticists, like Byron, Shelley and Keats. But something that really stuck with me was a professor saying you have to research what you're passionate about."

And it's obvious Ridley is passionate about his heritage. When asked about his fervor for his cultural background he said, "I'm connected to these people who did these great things so that I can do what I love to do more. I almost feel like I'm paying homage to them. I'm indebted to them in that sense because if it weren't for them, I wouldn't be able to do so many things."

The seven-week program will begin Monday, June 1. This year's focus is "The Global Black Experience in the 20th and 21st Centuries." In addition to some personal research the participants will be able to do, they will all take part in a group project whose focus will be decided when they all arrive.

Each participant will receive a \$3,000 stipend in addition to all-expense-paid travel and housing in Harlem — an aspect of the program Ridley is very excited about.

"The program is geared toward students of color, so I think there's almost a spiritual aspect of going to Harlem," he said. "The Harlem Renaissance, the Black Arts Movement and how impactful this city is to our culture and development of my race are really going to be important to me."

While Ridley said he is excited to go to the Big Apple for the first time, he's most looking forward to meeting the other fellows he'll be working with this summer.

"You know, I'm really excited for the professors and teachers we'll have, but what I love most about going to conferences like this is meeting people who are my age that share this passion for the same type of work I do. There's a bond there that you just can't match," he said.

## Two accounting students among first inducted into new international honor society

By Bob Mackowiak

This year the Institute of Management Accountants, the association of accountants and financial professionals in business, established its new Accounting Honor Society, designed to support and acknowledge high-performing accounting students attending accredited colleges or universities around the globe.

Among the first students inducted into the honor society were Rachel Fitzpatrick and Zachary Zavela of The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation.

"I was quite surprised when I first learned that I was nominated for membership in the honor society," Fitzpatrick said. "I felt honored that Dr. Hassan HassabElnaby (professor and chair of the Accounting Department) chose to nominate me out of many accounting students in the College of Business and Innovation. I have made many sacrifices and put in a lot of hard work to excel in my

accounting courses, and I am very grateful to be honored for my achievements."

"I was surprised to have been nominated by Dr. HassabElnaby to join the honor society," Zavela said, "especially since I did not apply to join. This recognition shows my academic achievements in my undergraduate studies. Because my professional goal is to become either a CFO of a company or make partner at a firm, I believe that this honor will help in achieving that goal."

He added, "I choose to study accounting because my grandmother is an accountant. When I heard her talk about her work, it seemed very interesting to me."

Fitzpatrick also sees the benefit of the honor. "My short term goals include earning my CPA certification and gaining some public accounting experience. Afterwards, I would like to pursue a career in health-care financial management. As I transition

out of public accounting, the Institute of Management Accountants Honor Society will help me to network and discover career opportunities in the area of management accounting. I can also benefit from the Institute of Management Accountants Honor Society through earning the [certified management accountant] certification, which will set me up for success in management accounting."

She added, "I chose to study accounting because it is the 'language of business.' Accounting knowledge allows you to understand all aspects of business performance and provides valuable information to corporate decision-makers. The field of accounting has a variety of different career paths, and the job demand is always high."

Fitzpatrick said, "It is an honor to be recognized, and I am thankful for the quality education I have received from the

College of Business and Innovation and the Accounting Department here at The University of Toledo."

The honor society is open to junior and senior students majoring or minoring in accounting, finance or IT with a 3.0 or higher grade point average overall and in accounting. In addition, students must be nominated by a professor or provide proof of meeting eligibility requirements in order to be accepted into the Institute of Management Accountants Honor Society.

The Institute of Management Accountants is one of the largest and most respected associations focused exclusively on advancing the management accounting profession. It has a global network of more than 70,000 members in 140 countries and 300 professional and student chapters.



## UT Health to celebrate Nurses Week, Hospital Week

By Amanda Benjamin

University of Toledo Health again will be recognizing the medical community by celebrating Nurses Week, May 6-12, and National Hospital Week, May 10-16.

For Nurses Week, there will be a basket raffle in the Four Seasons Bistro on:

- Wednesday, May 6, from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursday, May 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 8, from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Monday, May 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 12, from 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In addition, nurses will be treated to coffee and pastries, healthy snacks, cupcakes and popcorn throughout the week.

For Hospital Week, UT Health administration will host events from Monday, May 11, through Friday, May 15, in the Four Seasons Bistro.

“National Hospital Week is a great opportunity to take the time to recognize and more importantly thank the hundreds of phenomenal

people who make UTMC the great academic medical center that it is,” said Dan Barbee, vice president of clinical services. “People often think of hospital staff as just doctors and nurses, but there are countless unsung heroes in dozens of roles that the patients may never see who are also critical to the delivery of safe, high-quality care. The UTMC staff is the best I have ever seen in my 27-year career.”

To accommodate all shifts, the events will be held from 6:30 to 11:30 a.m. for first- and third-shift staff members and from 4 to 6 p.m. for second shift.

The following treats will be provided for all UT Health faculty, staff and volunteers throughout the week:

- Monday, May 11 — Milk and cookies;
- Tuesday, May 12 — Popcorn;
- Wednesday, May 13 — Cupcakes;
- Thursday, May 14 — Ice cream bars; and
- Friday, May 15 — UT Health gift distribution.

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## Fight breast cancer: Participate in Making Strides May 9

By Amanda Benjamin

“Saving lives from breast cancer starts with one team, one walker and one dollar at a time,” according to the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign.

Michelle Giovanoli, tech manager of radiation oncology, said the quote mimics the “one team, one place, one patient at a time” motto of UT Health’s Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center.

A flagship sponsor of the event for eight years, UT Health continues to support Making Strides because of the free services it funds for local cancer patients, including patients at the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center. These services include Road to Recovery, which offers free transportation to treatments; Hope Lodge, which offers free lodging for out-of-town patients and families; Look Good ... Feel Better, which teaches beauty techniques to patients dealing with appearance side effects of treatments; and Reach to Recovery, which offers emotional support programs.

The American Cancer Society has been a part of nearly every major breakthrough in breast cancer research and has donated about \$5.6 million to UT Health’s basic science and research mission, Giovanoli said.

The Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center and UT Health are encouraging the campus community to join the UT/UT Health Making Strides team this year. The annual family friendly 5K walk will be held Saturday, May 9, at 9:30 a.m. at Levis Commons in Perrysburg.

“We all know someone who has been affected by cancer,” Giovanoli said. “I have supported this walk every year for my mom, aunt, sister-in-law, best friend, friends and all of our patients. This year I am walking to support me. I was diagnosed in January of this year. Please come out and support the American Cancer Society by joining our UT Health team.”

To join the UT/UT Health team or make a donation, visit [makingstrideswalk.org/nwOhio](http://makingstrideswalk.org/nwOhio).

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# Outstanding staff members celebrated

By Vicki L. Kroll

Five employees received the University's 2015 Outstanding Staff Awards last week.

Some 30 nominees were honored at a ceremony in the Radisson Birch Room.

Winners this year were:

- Elissa Falcone, graduation services specialist in the College of Graduate Studies. She has worked at the University for four years. She received a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master of business administration degree from UT.

"Ms. Falcone single-handedly facilitates the collection and processing of all necessary academic forms that enable a student to graduate. This is more than simply processing forms — she is responsible for educating faculty, staff and students on the processes necessary for a student to successfully graduate. She will come to classes and hold workshops to deliver this information. She speaks and meets with students personally to assist them with their varied questions," one nominator wrote. "She goes above and beyond to ensure the student's issue is resolved in a timely fashion and does this without sacrificing timeliness or professionalism. Her attention to detail is phenomenal, and her dedication to doing her job accurately is just one reason why she is so efficient and effective."

- Holly Helminski, administrative assistant in the Department of Pharmacology in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. She has worked at UT since 1996.

"Ms. Helminski is a highly motivated employee. She loves her work, and she works so hard that she efficiently accomplishes her assignments within probably half of the time that otherwise is needed to do so," one nominator noted. "She is very professional in her interactions with faculty, students and co-workers. She treats everyone with respect. She always tries to find any opportunities to improve herself by learning new things that serve not only her, but



Photo by Daniel Miller

Taking home Outstanding Staff Awards last week were, from left, Elissa Falcone, Holly Helminski, Amanda Seabolt-Martin, Becky Roberts and Suzanne Martin.

also the department, especially various software and online programs necessary for performing her job. In addition to her primary appointment as administrative assistant of the department, she is also the assistant for the dean of graduate studies at our college, and she enjoys working with the students to obtain their goals."

- Suzanne Martin, secretary in the Department of School of Psychology, Higher Education and Counselor Education. She began her career at the University in 1973.

"Sue is a committed UT employee who has worked hard for our department for more than 40 years. She always has an amazing attitude and welcomes you with a smile when entering the office," one nominator wrote. "She has the sweetest disposition and the kindest heart. On days or evenings when doors needed opened, pencils needed borrowed, or a tissue was necessary, Sue has been there. From the taken-for-granted small things to the rushed emails to the College of Graduate Studies to ensure our financial aid concerns were addressed, she has been there without fail." Another noted, "Sue

maintains positive rapport for all students in the School Psychology Program and always has a kind word to say to anyone who enters the office."

- Becky Roberts, senior continuing medical education coordinator in the Center for Continuing Medical Education. She has worked at the center 12 years and at the University 25 years.

"Becky treats each person inside and outside the University with respect and dignity. She promotes honest communications, ethical behavior, and is accountable to the University. Becky understands that her character on a daily basis is a direct reflection on The University of Toledo," one nominator wrote. "Becky takes pride in her work and strives to improve her work performance every day. Her leadership skills are outstanding, and her technical work is exemplary." Another noted, "This past year Becky was directly responsible for completing from concept to implementation four major conferences. The process of planning activities can be extremely stressful and demanding. She never sacrifices respect or cooperation as she leads

the way through the complexity and deadlines for preparation and execution of all activities."

- Amanda Seabolt-Martin, assistant director for medical student advising services and programs on Health Science Campus. She has worked in this position since 2013 and at the University since 2010.

"I believe that she represents the highest standards for which a mentor should be judged: enthusiasm, accessibility and commitment to the student," one nominator wrote. "She is a mentor that wins with us and loses with us, often taking our initiatives personally with all her ability. When I am around Amanda, I feel challenged to give my all, and I think that is exactly what our school wants to instill in students." Another wrote, "Amanda provided myself and other classmates counsel and information during our match process. She stepped up to the plate whenever we needed advice/counsel/a sounding board for our own thoughts at the sacrifice of her own personal time. I cannot thank Amanda enough for the friend/adviser/confidant that she has been over the past four years."



# University honors 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:

Dr. Johan Gottgens, professor and associate chair of the Department of Environmental Sciences in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. He joined the faculty in 1993.



Photos by Daniel Miller

Michelle Sullivan and Dr. Johan Gottgens won Outstanding Adviser Awards.

“Dr. Gottgens is passionate about advising students as he deeply cares about the students and their success,” one nominator wrote. “Over Dr. Gottgens’ 20-plus years at UT, he has served or chaired dutifully on just about every committee we have on campus. With this knowledge foundation, and his professional, precise and detailed approach to advising, his advisees leave his office empowered, knowing

exactly what is necessary for them to do or who to see next.” Another wrote, “I can’t even imagine how many people he has helped over the years and the amount of time he has invested in helping these people succeed. Hans is an asset to this department and the University.”

Michelle Sullivan, academic adviser in the colleges of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Communication and the Arts. She joined the UT staff in 2012.

“Extremely welcoming and easy to talk to, Ms. Sullivan presents a casual yet professional demeanor that makes counseling sessions stress-free and very informative,” one nominator wrote. “She compliments students on their strengths, acknowledges their weaknesses, and helps the student build both their strengths while bettering

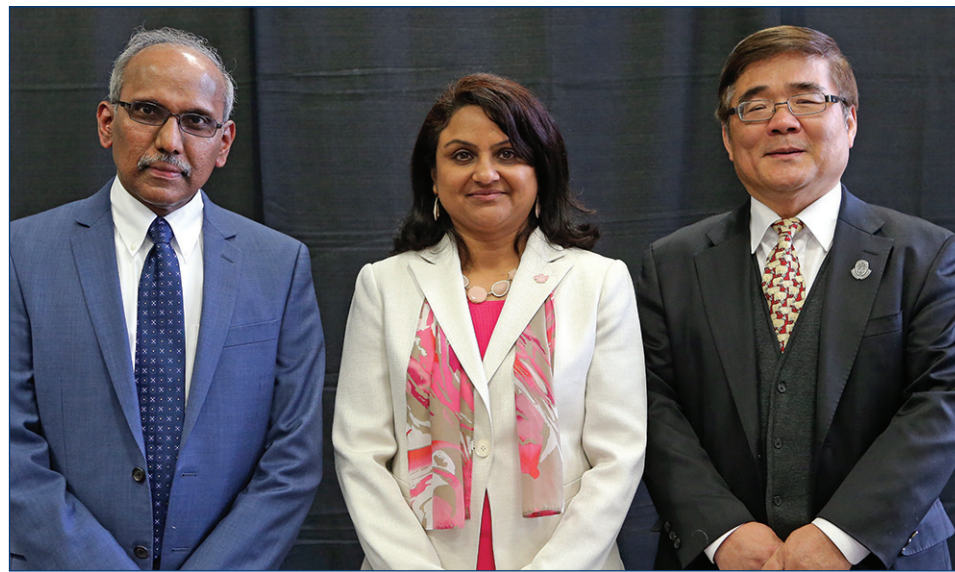
their weaknesses. Her encouragement has always been a constant source of confidence for me.” Another wrote, “When I go to see her, she wins me over instantly from a hard day with her warm genuine smile. Then I sit down and she answers my questions, suggesting possible solutions. What would I do without her? She makes my visits fun and is a good example of an ideal adviser.”

## RECIPIENTS OF THE OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER AWARD ARE:

Dr. Paul Hong, professor in the Department of Information Operations and Technology Management in the College of Business and Innovation. He joined the faculty in 1987 and received his PhD from the University in 2000.

His research interests focus on global supply chain management, including new product development and innovation; supplier relationships; operational transformation; and strategic integration of front-end and back-end business processes.

“Dr. Hong has published more than 200 journal and conference papers and three books, including *Building Network Capabilities in Turbulent Competitive Environments: Practices of Global Firms From Korea and Japan* (2012) and *Business Success Stories of the BRICs* (2014), in the area of global supply chain management that have achieved international recognition for providing real-world examples evaluating the impact of supply chain networks in global markets,” one nominator



Outstanding Researcher Awards went to Dr. Sasidhar Varanasi, left, Dr. Bina Joe and Dr. Paul Hong.

wrote. “He is noted for the impact on the international business community. His excellent research is but a part of a well-balanced approach to his work as a faculty member. He also has an outstanding record of service and mentorship for students and other faculty.”

Dr. Bina Joe, professor in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and director of the Center for Hypertension and Personalized Medicine. She joined the faculty in 2001.

She is an internationally recognized leader in the field of genetic determinants of hypertension. Her work has helped identify risk factors associated with high blood pressure, which plays a major role in cardiovascular and renal disease.

“Dr. Joe has received sustained research funding from the National Institutes of Health, including two active grants from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute totaling more than \$7 million. She has an excellent publication record with more than 50 papers appearing in peer-reviewed journals, including the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Cell and Nature Communications,” one nominator wrote. “She has received national awards, including the 2010 American Society of Hypertension’s Young Scholars Award and the 2014 American Heart Association’s Council on Hypertension Lewis K. Dahl

Memorial Lecture Award. This year she will assume a new role as the editor-in-chief of *Physiological Genomics*, a journal of the American Physiological Society.”

Dr. Sasidhar Varanasi, professor of chemical engineering in the College of Engineering. He joined the faculty in 1983.

He has made noteworthy research contributions in the areas of sustainable energy production and green engineering, with particular emphasis on biomass conversion to fuels and prevention of greenhouse gas emissions. He has developed innovative solutions to national problems related to fossil fuel consumption.

“Dr. Varanasi has received more than \$12 million in external funding from the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy and the Ohio Third Frontier Commission. He has published more than 50 peer-reviewed publications in very high-impact journals and has approximately 20 issued patents, several of which have been licensed to technology-based companies for commercialization,” one nominator wrote. “Dr. Varanasi has made seminal contributions to the field of ionic liquid pretreatment technology to revolutionize the process for conversion of cellulose-based plant products into glucose and other sugars that form the precursors in the production of bio-based fuels and chemicals.”



## RECIPIENTS OF THE EDITH RATHBUN AWARD FOR OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT ARE:

Dr. Isabel Escobar, professor in the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering and associate dean for research development and outreach in the College of Engineering. She joined the faculty in 2000.



Dr. Isabel Escobar, left, and Susan Parks won the Edith Rathbun Award for Outreach and Engagement.

“Dr. Escobar developed and jointly leads a program called Women in STEMM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine) Day of Meetings (WISDOM),” one nominator wrote. “Now an annual event, WISDOM brings girls from area high schools to engage in activities that reveal practical applications of classroom information and provide the basis for exciting careers in STEMM disciplines. Of significant importance to Dr. Escobar is the opportunity for these students to network and get to know women in STEMM disciplines.” Another noted, “During the 2014 water crisis in Toledo, Dr. Escobar participated in the community outreach in addressing and responding to the issue, and has made numerous media appearances addressing the problem of algal bloom toxicity in Lake Erie. Her research focuses on developing and improving polymeric membrane materials for water treatment and water reuse operations.”

Susan Parks, associate lecturer in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the Judith Herb College of Education. A reading consultant and literacy coach for more than 20 years, she joined the faculty in 2009.

“Since summer 2010, Ms. Parks has spearheaded the Launch Into Literacy

Program to increase the effectiveness of teacher candidates’ professional preparation while engaging in mutually beneficial partnerships with area schools,” one nominator wrote. “She has designed and



taught an undergraduate course about how to assess and tutor learners with challenges learning to read and write, with actual class time conducted on-site in local public schools in Springfield, Sylvania and Toledo districts. To date, more than 500 UT teacher candidates and 500 elementary and middle school students have benefited from this work.” Another noted, “Area school administrators are working with the college to think about how to further expand [the program] so that it could be used to serve many more students in more districts.”

## RECIPIENTS OF THE OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD ARE:

Dr. Doina Chichernea, assistant professor in the Department of Finance in the College of Business and Innovation. She has been teaching at the University since 2009.

“Dr. Chichernea is helpful and positive in class, and makes sure we understand the subject she is teaching before moving on to a new subject,” one nominator wrote. “She records her lectures and makes them available to all of her students, which is helpful to a distance-learning student such as myself. In addition, she has invited distance-learning students to attend class when possible, and I have found this to be most helpful.” Another wrote, “I was dreading taking Corporate Finance. It is not an easy subject. But Dr. Chichernea has made the subject genuinely interesting and almost fun. I am learning the subject and can begin to apply it in my real-world endeavors.”

Dr. Melissa Gregory, associate professor in the Department of English Language and Literature in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences. She joined the faculty in 2002.

“Dr. Gregory helped me get assistance for my learning impairment by pointing me toward resources to make my learning experience more pleasurable. Without Dr. Gregory’s insight in observing that I was a student struggling, I would not have the fulfillment I feel from my chosen electives,” one nominator wrote. Another noted, “Her methods of teaching have encouraged me to push myself to my potential as a writer and researcher. It is Dr. Gregory’s love of educating others that promotes wellness in her students. When I graduate, I will remember her humanity and carry with me always a reflection of UT and the positive

experiences that came with studying under professors like Dr. Gregory.”

Dr. Cyndee Gruden, associate professor in the Department of Civil Engineering in the College of Engineering. She began teaching at UT in 2003.

“Dr. Gruden is an exceptional professor whose knowledge and advice don’t stop when she walks out of the classroom,” one nominator wrote. “She takes the time to get to know her students well enough that she can write professional yet personal letters of recommendation. Dr. Gruden helped me to accept two research co-ops that helped me determine my career focus and that have not only broadened my knowledge on the subject matter, but also have dramatically expanded my professional network.” Another noted, “Her enthusiasm in her subject matter is why I have accepted a position with a design/build wastewater engineering company when I graduate. Dr. Gruden goes above and beyond teaching to help her students succeed in their undergraduate careers and after graduation.”

Diane Marker, professor in the Department of Applied Organizational Technology in the College of Business and Innovation. She joined the faculty in 1980.

“Her passion for the success of students overflows into her teaching style and causes great motivation in the classroom,” one nominator wrote. “She is a phenomenal teacher that uses real-world examples in teaching, genuinely cares about her students, is approachable, and teaches real-world lessons that I’ll remember forever.” Another noted, “She makes us think far further than what is on the surface of all aspects of life. She shares her wisdom with all of us in hopes of us doing well. She encourages us

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The Outstanding Teacher Awards went to, from left, Dr. Celia Williamson, Dr. Sue Wambold, Dr. Cyndee Gruden, Diane Marker, Dr. Melissa Gregory and Dr. Doina Chichernea.



## UT center, American Red Cross teaming up to help Nepal

By Samantha Watson

In the aftermath of a 7.8-magnitude earthquake, Nepal is in desperate need of help.

That's why the Center for International Studies and Programs at The University of Toledo is teaming up with the American Red Cross and the Nepalese Student Association to assist in any way.

Center officials would like to remind UT students, staff and faculty that counseling services are available at no cost. For more information, visit [utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/counseling](http://utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/counseling).

For those with family and friends in Nepal, the American Red Cross has launched a website to help locate people who are safe. The site allows people to

search through the list of missing persons and people who have responded that they are alive, register names of persons with whom they have lost contact, and register names of persons who wish to inform others that they are alive. For more information, visit <http://familylinks.icrc.org/nepal-earthquake>.

If you would like to help those in Nepal in their time of need, consider donating to one of several groups that are providing help: the American Red Cross, UNICEF, Mercy Corps and others. For tips on donating, read this NPR article at <http://utole.do/8k>.



COMING TOGETHER: The Nepalese Student Association hosted a candlelight vigil April 27 on Centennial Mall.

Photo by Dr. Sammy Spann

## Clerical specialist receives Hymore award

Ana Fackelman, winner of the Diane Hymore Exemplar of Excellence Award, might have an official title of clerical specialist in the Horton International House, but for the many students to whom she provides both immediate assistance and enduring support, an unofficial title of surrogate mom or sibling might be more precise.

"I was born and raised in Mexico," Fackelman said. "I still miss my sisters who are living there, so when students tell me that they're homesick, I feel their pain."

Treating bouts of student homesickness isn't all that fill Fackelman's days at the front desk of International House; Ana's many and varied interactions with members of Rocket Nation stretch over more than a decade and include service at five residence halls.

"Many of the students stay in touch after graduation and invite me to their birthdays, even their weddings," said the 14-year UT veteran. "Hanging out with our students, I don't feel my age!"

Fackelman received this year's Diane Hymore Exemplar of Excellence Award last week.



Fackelman

The honor named for the longtime executive secretary to President Lloyd Jacobs is presented to an individual whose work defines the core values of the University in her spirit of support, encouragement and service.

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to do our best, and she ensures us that we are capable of much more than we ever thought we could be. She is by far one of the best teachers I've had in my entire life."

Dr. Sue Wambold, professor and chair of the Department of Kinesiology in the College of Health Sciences. She started teaching at UT in 1989.

"There was a time when I didn't think college was for me anymore, and it showed in my grades," one nominator wrote. "Professor Wambold knew I could be doing better, and she invited me to talk to her about classes and my future. She helped me to keep at it and raise my grades." Another noted, "Sue isn't just a professor I have, she is a friend and a mentor, always giving wisdom to her students and doing it with a smile. I hope to stay in touch with her long after my time at UT comes to a close. Sue is an excellent role model in education and just in general. Her life lessons in and out of the classroom will stay with me forever."

Dr. Celia Williamson, professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work in the College of Social Justice and Human Service, and director of the new Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute. She joined the faculty in 2000.

"I lived in poverty and I am a convicted felon and she inspired me to become a great asset in my community. She took hours out of her work schedule to help me complete assignments and apply to graduate school," one nominator wrote. "Celia has made my dreams become reality and has made an impact on my life, my goals and my career. There is not enough thanks I could give to Dr. Williamson." Another wrote, "Dr. Williamson is a kind, loving and passionate person. You can easily determine the amount of passion she has for social justice. She was always there to help and teach material in and out outside the classroom."



# Advanced Leadership Academy enhances futures of UT students

By Bob Mackowiak

About 100 University of Toledo students from across campus took a major step to enhance their personal and professional lives recently as they participated in the sixth annual Advanced Leadership Academy, which was presented by the College of Business and Innovation.

Students were invited to participate in the academy based on their academic and professional records of success as well as the recommendations of graduate faculty. Academy members included master's and doctoral students from most colleges across the University.

"It is always very exciting to bring together some of our best and brightest graduate students from across our campus to link up with outstanding leaders from a wide variety of professions and disciplines," said Dr. Clint Longenecker, Stranahan Professor of Management and Advanced Leadership Academy program coordinator. "It is a unique and true cross-campus learning experience for everyone."

"This academy exposes students to cutting-edge leadership theory and practices," he added. "All disciplines, be it engineering, health care, pharmacy, business or science, need strong, effective, character-driven leadership."

Students had the opportunity to learn success and leadership principles from a diverse group of speakers that included Joseph Zerby, president and general manager for The Blade and chair of the UT Board of Trustees; Steven M. Cavanaugh, executive vice president and chief operating officer of HCR ManorCare Inc.; Dan Rogers, CEO of the Cherry Street Mission;

and Chad Bringman, CEO of the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

"What a phenomenal personal and professional development experience," said Jenna LaSota, a master of science in biomedical sciences, human donation science, and professional science candidate in the College of Medicine and Life Science and the College of Business and Innovation. "Not only did we learn how to become an emotionally intelligent, results-oriented leader, we were able to hear current leaders from around the area. During each session, the panel discussion participants varied in background, but each of them had invaluable coaching and career advice to share."

Michael Miranda, a PhD candidate in chemical engineering, noted, "The Advanced Leadership Academy has been a great experience. The program highlighted the qualities that make a successful leader, with emphasis on emotional intelligence, work relationships and public service. The panel discussion gave us insight to successful leadership and their experiences."

Puja Pradhan, a graduate student in physics and astronomy, said, "I am an international student from Kathmandu, Nepal. I have been at UT for almost five years, and now I am in a stage where I should start looking for the job. So I wanted to take part in this program for my personal development; it really helped me to build self-confidence and better prepared me for the job market."

Yuriy Romanovich Yatskiv, a graduate student in the field of bioinformatics on Health Science Campus, said, "I would



Photos by Daniel Miller

**INSPIRING ENTHUSIASM:** Dr. Clint Longenecker, Stranahan Professor of Management, talked to students attending the Advanced Leadership Academy.

recommend attending to anyone who is serious about their professional future. The Advanced Leadership Academy will teach you and show you what it takes to be a real leader."

Jangus B. Whitner, a 2016 doctor of pharmacy candidate in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, said, "This program opened my eyes to new concepts and shed light on unique ways of thinking about traditional approaches to leadership. The energy of this academy is one that breeds positivity, learning and teamwork. I have already begun reflecting and implementing new habits and methods of leadership into my daily routine."

Garrett Keeton, who anticipates graduating from the Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration Joint Degree Program in 2016, said, "I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude at the privilege of being involved in such a wonderful experience, and I would be remiss if I did not note Dr. Longenecker first and foremost. He contained such energy and zeal that it would have been a difficult

task to not be motivated and enthusiastic. The greatest point, in my opinion, was made by panelist Dr. [Thomas] Schwann [chief of staff of UT Medical Center, the S. Amjad Hussain Professor of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery and division chief of cardiothoracic surgery, and director of UT Health's Heart and Vascular Center] when he discussed the concept of servant leadership and how it becomes an essential part of being a results-driven manager."

Longenecker thanked Michael Miller, CEO of Waterford Bank Ltd., for his ongoing support of this year's Advance Leadership Academy.

Miller said, "As a two-time graduate of the College of Business and Innovation, it is great to give back to this terrific institution, which has had a powerful impact on my life and career."

Longenecker also extended his thanks to Dr. Gary Insch, dean of the College of Business and Innovation, for his strong support for the academy.



**SHARING EXPERTISE:** Community leaders participating in a panel discussion during the last class were, from left, Steven Cavanaugh, executive vice president and chief operating officer of HCR ManorCare Inc.; Joseph Zerby, president and general manager for The Blade and chair of the UT Board of Trustees; and Michael Miller, CEO of Waterford Bank Ltd.



## Learning Ventures to offer course on Americans with Disabilities Act compliance

By Samantha Watson

This summer, Learning Ventures at The University of Toledo will begin offering a course for faculty looking to make their online courses more accessible.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 508 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, colleges and universities must ensure equal access to all electronic communication — including online courses.

The ADA Compliance and Online Courses certification course offered by Learning Ventures will make it easier for faculty to provide equal access to all of their students.

“The Americans with Disabilities Act provides a wealth of guidance to institutions of higher education to ensure a satisfying learning environment for students with disabilities,” said David Cutri, director of internal audit and chief compliance officer.

The six-week, self-paced course will cover topics like accessibility law and formatting course content and other documents for accessibility. It will begin Monday, May

18, and goes until Sunday, June 28, and is offered entirely online.

“The course is self-paced and flexible in its execution, which will allow you to learn in your own way and in your own time,” Cutri said. “You will learn that not only is the ADA the law of the land, it also provides a blueprint for maximizing student success — which is good business.”

The course is designed to prepare faculty for addressing accessibility when designing and developing their online courses. The course covers topics that range from discussing accessibility law to identifying course design considerations for inclusivity and learning how to format course content and other documents for accessibility.

For questions regarding the course, contact Peter You, director for instructional design and development, at 419.530.4016 or at peter.you@utoledo.edu.

## Roundtables foster leadership development, discussion

By Samantha Watson

The University of Toledo’s Division of Enrollment Management and Online Education has been a bit more productive lately.

That’s because each month, members of the division sit down together to discuss issues and help each other become better leaders. The Enrollment Management & Online Education Leadership Academy, started by Dr. Cam Cruickshank, vice president for enrollment management and online education, has been going strong since January.

Cruickshank began an earlier version of the program when he first started at UT in 2012 and called it the Manager’s Roundtable. He had started a similar program at a previous place of employment that worked well to train middle managers and decided it was something UT could not only use, but make better.

Cruickshank and his team at UT worked to improve the program and implemented the new leadership academy this year. Each month, 16 attendees get together for an hour and a half to discuss books and videos and participate in interactive professional development.

So far, the group has discussed books like *The Energy Bus* by Jon Gordon, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey and *Peak* by Chip Conley. The feedback from participants has been positive, especially

for the books that discuss positivity and leadership in the workplace.

“It is easy to get caught up in the negativity,” said Sherri Jiannuzzi, UT assistant director of loans and a participant in the program. “It was enlightening to see the far-ranging effects that negativity has on our work environment, and it is important to look for the signs of negativity in group dynamics and work to keep it from gaining momentum.”

The program utilizes tools like Blackboard Learn to keep participants connected and provides books for each participant for discussions as well as participant booklets and handouts that are used in the leadership curriculum. It’s open to anyone within the Division of Enrollment Management and Online Education who wants to learn about leadership, but Cruickshank hopes the idea spreads to other areas of campus.

“I think that leadership development, especially of current and aspiring middle managers, is crucial for organizational productivity and accomplishment,” Cruickshank said. “It isn’t just an opportunity to learn best practices from outside resources — it’s an opportunity to get to know your colleagues, learn from one another, and develop a culture of growth and development.”

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Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee. He represents the Senate on the State Ballot Board, the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, the Legislative Service Commission Board, and the Redistricting, Reapportionment and Demographic Research Legislative Taskforce.

He has received many accolades for his work; these include the Guardian of Small Business Award, the Outstanding Legislator of the Year in 2004, and being named a Watchdog of the Treasury five times.

Faber has been an active member in legal organizations, including the Ohio State Bar Association’s Public Understanding of the Law Advisory Board and the Board of Editors of the Ohio Lawyer Magazine.

He is the principal partner with Faber & Associates in Celina, Ohio, a law firm specializing in civil litigation and mediation.

Armes will receive an honorary doctor of business administration.

He was appointed CEO and president of Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. in 2006 and chairman in 2007.

He previously worked in a variety of roles for the Whirlpool Corp. in the areas of engineering, manufacturing, global procurement and international operations management.

Armes served as corporate vice president and general director of Whirlpool Mexico, vice president of manufacturing technology for Whirlpool Asia in Singapore, and vice president of manufacturing technology-refrigeration products for Whirlpool Europe in Italy.

He holds leadership roles on numerous boards, including director of JLG Industries, director of the Manitowoc Co. Inc., director of AGCO Corp., and trustee of the Manufacturer’s Alliance for Productivity and Innovation Inc.

Armes and his wife, Marcia, were instrumental in establishing the Engineering Leadership Institute in UT’s College of Engineering to help undergraduate engineering students gain critical leadership skills. The couple have long supported The University of Toledo through generous gifts to multiple departments.

Other commencement ceremonies taking place are:

- College of Engineering: graduate commencement Thursday, May 7, at 5 p.m.; undergraduate commencement Saturday, May 9, at 3 p.m. Both ceremonies will be held in Nitschke Hall Auditorium.
- College of Nursing: Friday, May 8, at 1 p.m. in Savage Arena.
- College of Law: Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.
- College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences: Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. in Savage Arena.
- College of Medicine and Life Sciences: Friday, May 29, at 2 p.m. at the Stranahan Theater.

For more information, visit [utoledo.edu/commencement](http://utoledo.edu/commencement).

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## High school girls to participate in Women in STEMM Day at UT this month

By Meghan Cunningham

High school girls will be exposed to careers in the sciences through hands-on activities when they visit The University of Toledo for the fourth annual Women in STEMM Day of Meetings.

The event, which goes by the acronym WISDOM, will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Thursday, May 14, on UT's Main Campus and Health Science Campus.

The 160 girls will explore and perform experiments in physics and astronomy, chemistry, biology, engineering, pharmacy and medicine as they learn about science and technology.

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 unfortunately few women pursue that interest in college or their careers," said Dr. Isabel Escobar, professor of chemical and environmental engineering, interim assistant dean for research development and outreach for the College of Engineering, and

past president of the Association for Women in Science. "Events like Women in STEMM Day aim to inspire girls to embrace the fun of scientific discovery and encourage careers in the field."

Students from Toledo Public, Washington Local and Oregon Schools, as well as from the Toledo Islamic Academy and Wildwood Environmental Academy will participate in WISDOM at the University.

The students will spend the day performing activities developed by faculty members in the UT colleges of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Engineering, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Medicine and Life Sciences.



**GROUP SHOT:** More than 150 girls from area high schools attended last year's Women in STEMM Day of Meetings (WISDOM).

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, Marathon Petroleum Corp., and the UT colleges of Engineering, Medicine and Life

Sciences, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

## Marathon men



Members of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics 2015 Glass City Marathon relay team known as the Road Scholars posed for a photo after the event. They are, from left, Dr. Doug Leaman, professor and chair of the Department of Biological Sciences; Dr. Don White, professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics; Dr. Ron Viola, Distinguished University Professor and recent chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; Dr. Tim Fisher, professor and chair of the Department of Environmental Sciences; and Dr. Lawrence Anderson, professor and chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Viola was a late substitute for Dr. Cora Lind-Kovacs, professor and associate chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, who was invited to a conference in Morocco. "We finished the race in four hours and 17 minutes," White said. "It was a great day for a run, and though we have not yet made a commitment to try this again next year, we challenge the entire University to generate teams across departments and maybe even colleges. Once there are multiple such teams, prizes should be negotiated. Possible categories might be most diverse in terms of gender or departments, fastest, slowest, least prior experience at running. And maybe in the future we can have most improved."

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## Students: Donate unwanted items

By Cassandra DeYoung

The “Give and Go!” annual move-out program is back again this year to provide students with opportunities to donate items they no longer want. The program began Monday, April 27, and will continue until Friday, May 8.

“We primarily focus on general recycling throughout the year, but when it comes to moving out of the dorms, students give away a lot of usable items because they either don’t need them at home or they don’t have the space in their car to take things with them,” said Brooke Mason, UT sustainability specialist. “With this program, we want to give them the option to donate their usable items and help out the local community.”

Non-perishable foods and toiletries will be collected and will go to local food pantries and shelters. All remaining items will go to Goodwill of Northwest Ohio.

The following items will be accepted as donations:

- Electronics, appliances and lamps;
- Computers and printers;
- Blankets, linen and pillows;
- Furniture;
- Towels;
- Dishes and cookware;

- Books and school supplies;
- Miscellaneous household goods;
- Crates or containers; and
- Clothing and shoes.

Broken electronics also will be collected and disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

“Last year we gave 6,493 pounds of usable donations to Goodwill, 1,192 pounds of non-perishable food to the Cherry Street Mission, 200 pounds of pillows to the County Canine Control, and 70 pounds of toiletries to Rebekah’s Haven,” Mason said.

Students can drop off donations at the following locations: Scott Hall and Tucker Hall lobby, MacKinnon Hall lobby, Carter Hall East and West lobby, Presidents Hall lobby, International House lobby, Ottawa House East and West lobbies, Parks Tower lobby, and by the elevators of each house in McComas Village.

Each location will have a designated area for non-perishable foods, toiletries and other donations.

Cans, bottles, paper, cardboard and trash should be disposed in their proper bins.

Broken or unusable goods, carpets, rugs, mattresses, foam pads and furniture



with stains should be placed in the nearest dumpster.

This program is part of The University of Toledo’s Sustainability, Energy Efficiency and Design Initiative, which focuses on

making UT and the greater community a more environmentally friendly place.

For more information, email SEED@utoledo.edu.



Photo by Amanda Benjamin

**FROM THE HEART:** To support the American Heart Association’s Toledo Heart Walk, UT Health’s heart and vascular team is selling hearts to patients and staff. Posing with the hearts sold so far are, from left, Laura Elliott, administrative director of cardiovascular services; Deb Kwiatkowski, EKG tech; Andrea Jacobs, administrative secretary; Jill Frye, patient registration specialist; Sherry Vansteenkiste, call center representative; Sandy Mroz, medical assistant; Dr. George Moukarbel, cardiologist and assistant professor of medicine; and Kim Myers, medical assistant. Hearts are being sold at various UT Health clinics and locations. Join the UT/UTMC Heart Walk team at [heart.org/toledowalk](http://heart.org/toledowalk) and participate in the event Saturday, May 30, at 8 a.m. at the Huntington Center in Toledo.

## Ernest Health

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centered, effective, efficient and timely. The national ranking is provided by the Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation, a not-for-profit corporation developed with support from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, a component of the U.S Department of Education.

“We have been supported and warmly welcomed by The University of Toledo and other health-care and community leaders,” said Darby Brockette, CEO of Ernest Health. “We consider it a privilege to be able to serve the area and look forward to becoming an active member of the community.”

As part of the agreement between the two organizations, the Rehabilitation Hospital of Northwest Ohio will absorb operations of inpatient rehabilitative services currently offered through the medical center. There will be no interruption

of services, and current staff can retain employment with the University or apply for positions at the new hospital. Officials estimate approximately 120 jobs will be created.

“This collaboration is an important step forward and signifies the value we can create for our community when we bring together the University’s assets with forward-thinking, well-run community partners,” said Dr. Chris Cooper, UT senior vice president for clinical affairs and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

“I am pleased to welcome Ernest Health and the Rehabilitation Hospital of Northwest Ohio to Toledo,” Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson said. “Our community will only be strengthened by the care and support given to Toledo residents by this hospital. Welcome to Toledo and thank you for enhancing our community.”



## Satellites to hold sale featuring books and more this week

**N**eed something to read or maybe a graduation present? Check out the Satellites Auxiliary's book and gift fair Wednesday through Friday, May 6-8.

The sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, and from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday in UT Medical Center's Four Seasons Bistro Atrium.

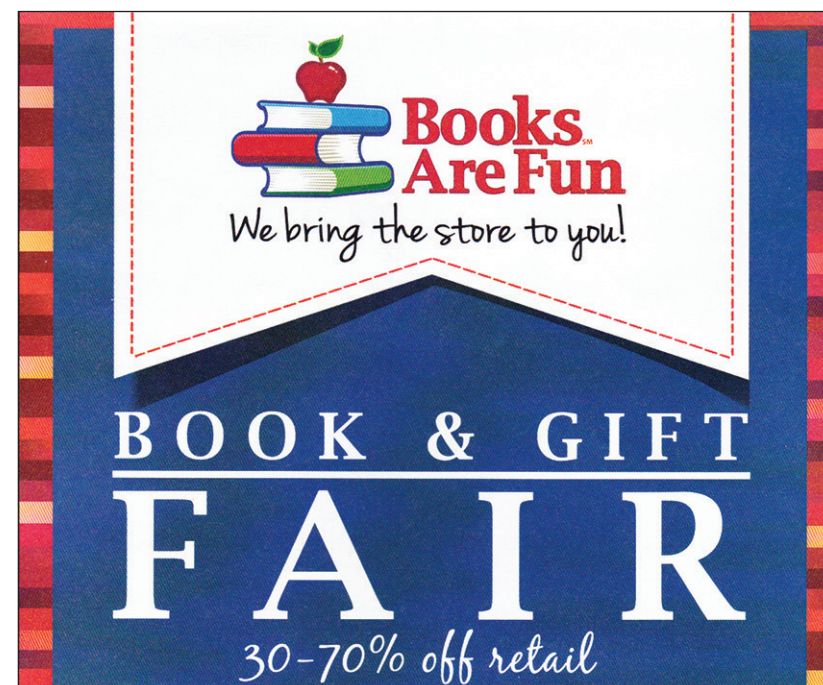
Books, tablets, Bluetooth devices, portable speakers, earbuds, portable power and more will be available at the sale.

Cash, check, credit cards and payroll deduction will be accepted.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit campus scholarships.

The Satellites Auxiliary is a group designed to promote education, research and service programs; provide support of patient programs in accordance with the needs and approval of administration; conduct fundraising events; and provide volunteer services.

For more information on the book sale, contact Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites, at [lynn.brand@utoledo.edu](mailto:lynn.brand@utoledo.edu).



## Marveling



Photo by Daniel Miller

Judy Williams, a volunteer at UT Medical Center, examined the necklaces at the Satellites Auxiliary's fine jewelry sale last month. A portion of the proceeds from the sale benefited scholarships for the College of Nursing.

## Students: Take time to unwind at De-Stress Fest May 6

By Kevin Bucher

**S**tress can interfere with normal living, damage your physical health, and cause difficulties with concentration or mood.

Join Rocket Wellness and the UT community for De-Stress Fest Wednesday, May 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore at the Gateway.

Students will have the opportunity to play with puppies, receive massages from Rocket Wellness therapists, play games, take photos with Rocksy, create a gift for Mother's Day, and have free pizza.

Colleen Strayer, general manager of the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore, said

the event is a way for students to take their minds off studying and finals to enjoy some positive activities.

"De-Stress Fest was designed to provide a break to students during a very stressful time of the semester," Strayer said. "We had a great response and turnout for the event last semester and are looking forward to this one."

For more information, contact Strayer at [sm573@bncollege.com](mailto:sm573@bncollege.com).

## UT employees may schedule graduate photos

**F**aculty and staff or members of their families who will graduate from UT in May and wish to have a photo taken and published in UT News may contact the University Communications Office.

Call Laurie Flowers at 419.530.2002 to schedule an appointment before Friday, May 8.

Photos will appear in an upcoming issue of the paper.



## Women's basketball program to host golf outing June 29

By Brian DeBenedictis

The University of Toledo women's basketball program will host its second annual golf outing Monday, June 29, at Heatherdowns Country Club.

The outing will give fans a chance to golf with Rocket coaches and players for a day of competition and fun that supports the UT women's basketball program.

The entry fee for the outing is \$125 per person, \$475 for a foursome, or \$75 for women's basketball alumnae. The fee includes use of the driving range prior to the event, pre-golf breakfast, golf, post-golf lunch, and closest to the hole and longest drive competitions.

Registration and breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. with the shotgun start following at 9 a.m.

Head Coach Tricia Cullop also is offering opportunities for a Midnight Blue & Gold Package (\$1,000), hole sponsors (\$150), green sponsors (\$100), beverage cart sponsors (\$200) for the outing and more.



For more information, call Coordinator of Women's Basketball Lauren Flaum at 419.530.2363 or email at lauren.flaum2@utoledo.edu.

## Mr. Soothe



Photo by Colleen Strayer

Pianist and author Jim Brickman performed April 29 at Barnes & Noble University Bookstore at the Gateway. He was on campus to promote his new disc, *Soothe — Music to Quiet Your Mind & Soothe Your World Volume 1*, and he read from a companion book, *Soothe — How to Find Calm Amid Everyday Chaos*. Nearly 100 fans attended the special event.

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