

UT inaugurates 17th president

By Jon Strunk

The University of Toledo inaugurated Dr. Sharon L. Gaber as its 17th president Friday in a ceremony filled with the traditions of the institution and the promise for a bright and collaborative future between UT and the surrounding community.

Nearly 500 UT faculty, students, administrators, trustees and University delegates processed from the Student Union to Savage Arena, where more than 1,200 watched their arrival.

"This is a University of us," Gaber said, a refrain she repeated several times during her inaugural address to emphasize the critical ties she sees between the city and The University of Toledo.

"Our name is not incidental or casually chosen," she said, identifying universities across the

nation named for their cities in mutually supportive relationships. "We are part of a proud tradition of institutions that are advanced regionally and nationally through engagement with their communities."

The president pointed out that UT is one of the most comprehensive universities in the country, providing many more opportunities for collaboration between faculty and students and the private and public sectors of the region.

Gaber put forth to the University and the community a call to action, asking for help advancing five primary priorities:

- Elevating UT's reputation and prominence on a national stage;

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Photo by Daniel Miller

WEARING THE MEDALLION: President Sharon L. Gaber smiled after she was inaugurated as The University of Toledo's 17th president Friday.

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Face time



Photo by Daniel Miller

An artist drew a caricature of Amir Elgeyoushi during the President's Backyard Barbecue last week on Centennial Mall. See more photos on p. 12.

New initiative aims to elevate University students, faculty internationally

By Meghan Cunningham

Recent UT graduate Neil Hetrick is in Germany helping local English teachers through the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program.

UT faculty member Dr. Ellen Pullins, Schmidt Research Professor of Professional Sales in the College of Business and Innovation, is continuing relationships she built as a Fulbright Scholar this past spring in Finland.

And UT administrator Dr. Sammy Spann, assistant provost for career services, experiential learning and international programs, participated this summer in the Fulbright International Education Administrators seminar in Japan and now is leading an effort to help more people from the University have these experiences.

The new Competitive Awards Initiative — in line with the president's stated goal of elevating UT on a national level — aims to assist students, faculty and administrators with applying for these types of prestigious awards that will both enhance the scholar's education and research, as well as raise the profile of the institution.

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Rockets roll by Red Wolves, 37-30



Photos by Scott Grau

The Toledo Rockets defeated the Arkansas State Red Wolves, 37-7, Saturday night in the Glass Bowl in front of 21,385 fans. Quarterback Phillip Ely completed 25 passes for 308 yards, and running back Damion Jones-Moore, right, rushed for 64 yards.



Wide receiver Corey Jones caught five passes for 40 yards.



The Toledo defense forced five turnovers and held Arkansas State to 209 yards of total offense. The Rockets will open Mid-American Conference play Saturday, Oct. 3, against Ball State in Muncie, Ind.

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- Increasing the numbers and preparedness of students enrolling at UT and ensuring they graduate;
- Increasing externally funded research and faculty scholarship;
- Increase philanthropy to raise dollars for scholarships, endowed faculty professorships and university initiatives; and
- Reducing administrative costs.

Embedded within all of these priorities, she said, is an ongoing commitment to increasing and celebrating the strength created by our diversity.

“Being inaugurated as the 17th president of The University of Toledo marks the beginning of a new era,” Gaber said. “And while I rarely emphasize it, I am proud to be the University’s first female president. I recognize the responsibility that comes with being ‘first’ in any leadership role, and I commit to you that I will work hard to meet that responsibility.”

As Gaber concluded her remarks, she had one additional request: the adoption of a sense of urgency to move forward.

“But as no strong university sits idle, UT must always work to set a faster pace.”

The president quoted former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt: “One’s philosophy is

not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes. And the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility.”

“I ask that you choose to walk with me on this journey,” Gaber said. “And I believe together we will achieve the remarkable — for this University and this community.”

In her remarks, Sharon Speyer, chair of the UT Board of Trustees, praised Gaber’s leadership.

“In President Gaber, we have a passionate leader who puts students first and is dedicated to ensuring their success,” Speyer said. “She is an academic who is committed to supporting the research and scholarship of our talented faculty.”

“And UT’s 17th president is a true community partner eager to strengthen those existing ties and form new relationships with UT donors and collaborate with organizations that will further enhance this University, this city and our region.”

During the ceremony, Gaber was welcomed by Cody Spoon, president of Student Government; Dr. Kristen Keith, president of Faculty Senate; Catherine Martineau, president of the UT Alumni Association Board of Trustees; and Gary Leidich, president of the UT Foundation Board of Trustees.



Photo by Anthony Tscherne

SMILE! President Sharon L. Gaber posed for a selfie with students from the College of Medicine and Life Sciences during the reception after the inauguration.

A video of UT students, faculty, staff and community leaders welcoming Gaber to the University also was played, punctuated

by words of support from Gaber’s children, Allison, Jennifer and Peter.

Longtime communication faculty member passes away

By Dan Saevig

Don Reiber, a man who left an indelible legacy on students at The University of Toledo for nearly 40 years, died unexpectedly at his Toledo home Sept. 20. He was 68.

Associate professor of communication and the director of media services in the Department of Communication, Reiber died hours after doing what he loved: teaching students while directing an ESPN broadcast of the Rockets' volleyball match at Savage Arena, followed by the in-house production of UT's double overtime football victory over Iowa State in the Glass Bowl.

Responsible for overseeing the University's television studio and production facilities, he taught classes in television production, live-truck production, and radio production and programming. His students and alumni number in the thousands, working in broadcasting in Toledo, throughout the United States, and for national news organizations like CNN.

One of the most decorated yet unassuming faculty members at the University, Reiber received the Outstanding Teacher Award in 2007. In his career, he also was honored with the Students First Award, which was presented by the University administration for his dedication to instruction and mentoring; the Difference Maker Award from the College of Business and Innovation; and the Rocket Award from the women's basketball team for his commitment to that program.

Never feeling that he was worthy of recognition or motivated by monetary desires, Reiber's greatest satisfaction came from the success of his students who could reach him at any time of the day or night via phone or text. Nothing pleased him more

than to hear from alumni who would call and send cards, letters, or just drop by the office to thank him for the impact he had on their lives.

Born in Vermillion, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1946, Reiber joined the faculty at The University of Toledo in 1979 from WOSU-TV in Columbus after completing his bachelor's degree in radio, television and speech communication in 1970 and his master's degree in educational communications in 1972 at Ohio State University.

He met his wife, Pat (Giese), on a blind date when he was a student at Ohio State and she was a student at Capital University. They married in 1969 and have one son, Christopher, of Toledo.

Encouraged by his wife to consider retirement, Reiber said that he wanted to keep working until he could finish developing and assembling the University's new television production truck.

In addition to Pat and Chris, Don is survived by his sisters, Pat Owen (Glenn) of Lorain, Ohio, and Sue Wilson (Jeff) of Brentwood, Tenn.; brother-in-law, Ray Giese (Rosanne) of Manorville, N.Y.; and his loving dog, Sammy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ethel and George.

At Reiber's request, there will be no visitation. A celebration of his life and legacy will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to The University of Toledo Foundation, where a student success scholarship in broadcast services will be established in his memory.



Photo by Tyler Mattson



REMEMBERING: Students gathered Sept. 20 on Centennial Mall for a candlelight vigil to remember Don Reiber, associate professor of communication, who passed away suddenly that morning.

Used book sale to be held Oct. 1

By Cassandra DeYoung

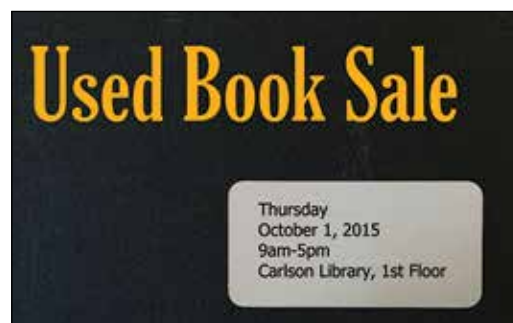
Carlson Library will hold a used book sale Thursday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the concourse to help celebrate Banned Books Week.

"A wide variety of books that have been donated by various people throughout the years and don't fit into our collection will be on sale at the event," said Barbara Floyd, interim director of University Libraries and director of the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections.

The sale will feature reference books and higher education books, as well as a small selection of popular titles.

Prices will be 25 cents a book or 10 for \$1.

All proceeds raised will go to the library's acquisitions fund. Sales are cash only.



The 18th annual Banned Books Week Vigil will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the fifth floor of Carlson Library. Read more about that event on p. 11.

For more information about the sale, contact Sheryl Stevens of Carlson Library at sheryl.stevens@utoledo.edu.

In memoriam

Frederic C. "Mike" Henry, East Lansing, Mich., who taught pediatrics at MCO for two decades, died Sept. 14 at age 92. His association with MCO started in 1969 as a volunteer clinical associate professor. Henry served as acting chair of the Pediatrics Department in 1978 and 1979, and was named a clinical professor in 1984.

University community welcomes new Clery Act compliance officer

By Samantha Watson

The University of Toledo has appointed Meredith Blaine as its new Clery Act compliance officer in an effort to continue providing the safest environment possible for students.



Blaine

Blaine, who began working at UT just over a month ago, is charged with ensuring that the University is compliant with the Clery Act. Signed in 1990, the Clery Act requires all colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to keep and disclose information about crime on and near their respective campuses.

Blaine's position at UT is new; before, her responsibilities fell on the UT Police Department and other campus safety representatives.

"We've made a focused investment in campus safety and crime reporting by creating this position," said David Cutri, director of internal audit and chief compliance officer at the University. "We felt this was an opportunity to establish a more direct focus on campus safety reporting, dedicate more time to educating and training our campus community, and

free the UTPD of some of the compliance-related responsibilities found in the Clery Act."

Before coming to UT, Blaine served as the assistant director of student conduct and community standards at Eastern Michigan University. In that role, she sat on the Clery committee and went to a number of trainings on Clery and compliance.

"With my background in student conduct and a bit of Clery, I decided to jump on board, and we are looking at all of the University's activities to review, revamp and expand," she said.

Right now, Blaine is working to identify UT's campus security authorities, who are individuals at a university that have some responsibility for student activities such as resident advisers, coaches and student affairs staff.

Under the Clery Act, campus security authorities are required to report any crimes on or near campus that they are made aware of. Once all of UT's campus security authorities are identified, Blaine will work to ensure that they are all properly trained to report crimes and assist students who need their help.

"It's another resource the University will have to make sure employees know how to handle reports," UT Police Chief Jeff Newton said. "Universities get into a lot of hot water when things are not reported or handled properly once the initial report is made."

In addition to properly reporting crimes, campus security authorities are responsible for providing information on the various resources available to students at the University. These include the UT Counseling Center, UTPD, Title IX coordinators and more.

Another resource is the Annual Security Report, which was just released and is available online at <http://utole.do/securityreport>. The report details services available to students in addition to any crimes reported in the last three years.

Help give small businesses a chance at fundraising event

By Samantha Watson

On Thursday, Oct. 8, join The University of Toledo Minority Business Development Center for "An Evening of Chance."

The fundraiser, to be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Parkway Plaza in Maumee, will benefit the UT Minority Business Development Center. The center houses more than 10 different businesses owned and operated by minorities and helps provide training, mentoring, office space and strategic development.

"This event allows us to support our businesses and students, but it's also an opportunity for the community to learn about how we play a part in the greater economic development of the region," said Dr. Shanda Gore, UT chief diversity officer and associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement. "We're not just supporting small, minority-owned businesses, we are causing a larger ripple effect that impacts generations."

The evening will feature a photobooth and games like roulette, blackjack and Texas Hold 'em. Between games, guests can bid on items in the silent auction and eat and drink from several food stations and a cash bar.

The event will conclude with an award ceremony for local minority business owners.

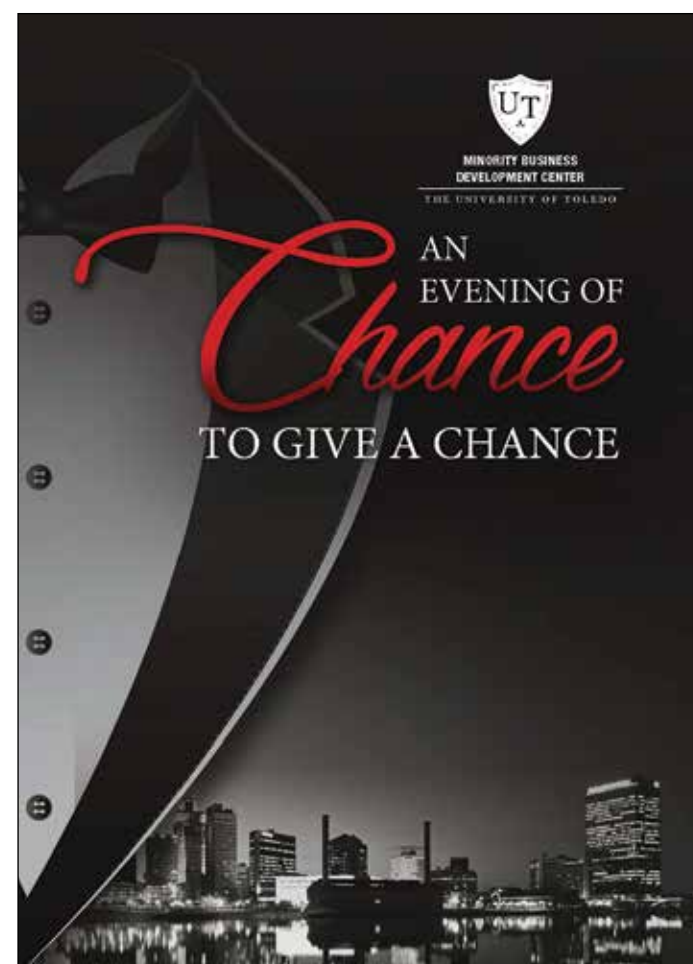
The UT Minority Business Development Center is an integral component of the UT Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement. Located on the Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation, its mission is to foster an environment that supports early-stage minority-owned businesses via services such as office space, training, mentoring, and professional network of advisers.

"Our students also benefit from the center because they receive a great hands-on experience that helps prepare them for the real world," Gore said. "We have 100 percent placement of all students who have interned or had assistantships with us and our businesses."

To purchase tickets, which are \$50, visit utoledo.edu/incubator/mbdc. Sponsors also may register through this website.

Ticket sales end Wednesday, Oct. 7. Each ticket will provide some gaming money, and additional purchases will be available.

For more information, call 419.530.3170, email mbdc@utoledo.edu, follow on Twitter at twitter.com/UTMBDC or like the center on Facebook at facebook.com/UTMBDC.



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Ceremonial celebration



Photo by Daniel Miller

UT President Sharon L. Gaber and James E. Wilhelm III, executive vice president of American Campus Communities, snipped the ribbon last week at the Honors Academic Village as University Board of Trustees members, from left, student Anna Crisp, Vice Chair Steven Cavanaugh, Dr. S. Amjad Hussain, Mary Ellen Pisanelli and Jeff Cole watched. The four-story, 142,000-square-foot building developed and managed by American Campus Communities opened for the 2015-16 academic year and provides opportunities for living-learning communities for 492 UT Honors College students.

Put it there

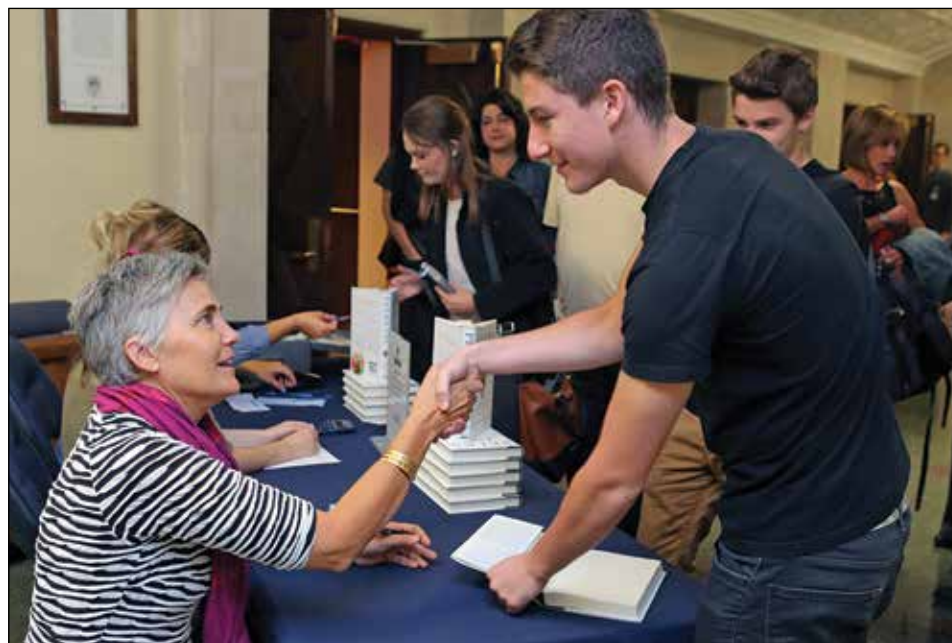


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Transportation entrepreneur Robin Chase shook hands with a student at a book-signing event that took place Sept. 22 after she spoke as part of the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series. Chase is the co-founder and former CEO of Zipcar, the largest car-sharing company in the world; Buzzcar, a peer-to-peer car-sharing service in France now merged with Drivy; and GoLoco, an online ride-sharing community. She also is the co-founder and executive chair of Veniam, a vehicle communications company. Chase's lecture detailed the startup of Zipcar and then used lessons learned from her Zipcar experiences to outline broader economic and cultural shifts that are changing life and business transactions. She said peer-to-peer and other businesses leveraging existing capacities will be able to compete with long-established businesses due to the business platforms provided by ever-improving technologies and the Internet.

Foggy morning



Photo by Daniel Miller

University Photographer Daniel Miller took this shot of a student walking to class Friday morning.

STOP to be successful



Photo by Daniel Miller

Dr. Clinton O. Longenecker, Distinguished University Professor of Management and director of the UT Center for Leadership and Organizational Excellence in the College of Business and Innovation, gave a talk titled "Career Success and Survival in the 21st Century — The Power of Slowing Down, Thinking and Acting With Intent." More than 250 attended the Distinguished University Professor Lecture in Doermann Theater last week. Longenecker explained the acronym STOP — sit, think, optimize, perform — and how it's imperative to take a few minutes every day to reflect and plan what you're trying to accomplish in order to be truly successful.

Chemistry and Biochemistry Department to celebrate 100-year anniversary

By Lindsay Mahaney

The University of Toledo's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry will celebrate its 100th anniversary this week. The two-day centennial celebration will feature a presentation by green chemistry leader Dr. John C. Warner and a banquet at the Toledo Museum of Art.

Department grows

The UT Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry was established in 1915 with the appointment of Dr. Henry R. Kreider as chairman at its first home on the corner of Cherry and Page streets. In 1922, it moved to Nebraska Avenue and Parkside Boulevard where the current Scott Park campus is located, and moved again in 1931 to University Hall. This was deemed an adequate location until a post-war influx of students in 1946 made the space too cramped.

Bowman-Oddy Laboratories, the department's current home, was completed in 1967, and in 1998, Wolfe Hall was dedicated to support expanding research programs and growth of undergraduate and graduate enrollment.

Kreider served as the leader of the department for 29 years until he retired in 1944. After several alumni expressed their wishes to honor Kreider, a scholarship fund was created under the direction of Dr. Harold Oddy, the namesake of the building and chairman after Kreider. The fund became the Kreider Memorial Scholarship and is one of the highest student honors chemistry majors can receive.

A longstanding goal of the department was to become accredited by the American Chemical Society, the largest scientific society with more than 150,000 members worldwide. This milestone occurred in 1953, although the honors program was initiated earlier in 1939 for students in general chemistry classes. The first master's student, Martin Yee, was admitted in 1922, and the department's PhD program was established in 1967.

The department now hosts the third largest population of students taught at UT — more than 5,000 every fall. This growth reflects the key role that the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department has supporting numerous programs throughout the University.

Esteemed alumni

In addition to exceptional changes within the department, there have been some exceptional alumni. Although too numerous to mention individually, chemistry alumni have impacted the world as we know it. UT chemistry graduates have been recognized for their work as medical doctors, dentists, pharmacists, university faculty, patent attorneys, and presidents, CEOs and research directors at Fortune 500 companies.

Their notable achievements and discoveries include the development of synthetic diamonds, the synthesis of artificial sweeteners, invention of vacuum pack lids to prevent food spoilage, and portable defibrillators, as well as helping establish worldwide guidelines for safe drinking water and consumer products.

One exceptional leader for UT was Dr. Arthur H. Black. He graduated from the department with a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1941 and went on to enlist in the Navy, where he was an ensign assigned to the USS Kidd, a destroyer escort. He served in the Pacific from February

1943 to April 1945, when he was wounded in a kamikaze attack.

After being discharged in May 1946, Black returned to the University and became an instructor of chemistry. While at UT, he served in a host of positions, including dean of men from 1964 to 1968 and associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences from 1968 to 1983. He was active in the UT Alumni Association and received the Blue T Award, an honor recognizing an individual's outstanding service to the University through committee and community involvement, and served as chair of the Golden Alumni Society for two years.

Even though he retired in 1983, Black continued to teach chemistry as a superannuate until 1990 and as a part-time instructor until 1996. He passed away in 2000. The department is working to establish an endowed professorship to honor his lifelong commitment to the UT community.

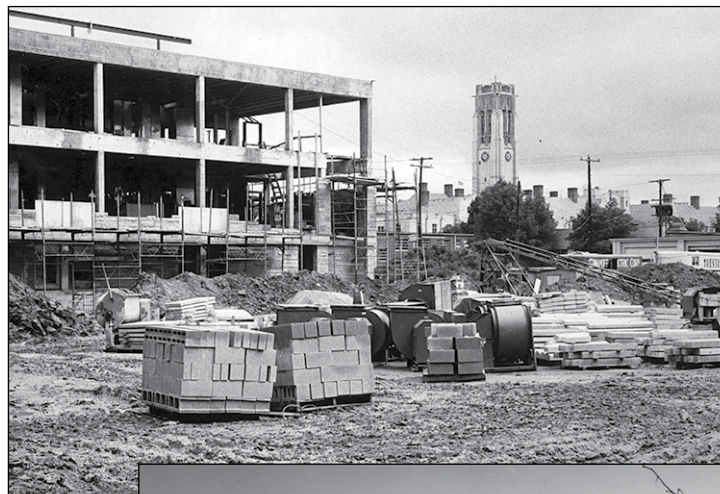
Featured speaker

Warner is the president and chief technology officer of the Warner Babcock Institute for Green Chemistry. His free, public presentation, "Green Chemistry: The Missing Elements," is set for Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 4 p.m. in Doermann Theatre.

As president and chief technology officer of Warner Babcock Institute for Green Chemistry, Warner is one of the fathers of the green chemistry field — a relatively new area of study focusing on the design of chemical products and processes that reduce or eliminate the generation of hazardous substances. With Paul Anastas, he co-authored *Green Chemistry: Theory and Practice*.

Warner has published more than 200 patents, papers and books, and has numerous awards. His honors include being elected a Fellow of the American Chemical Society and being named one of 25 Visionaries Changing the World by *Utne Reader* in 2011.

He and Anastas also will give remarks at the Centennial Banquet Thursday, Oct. 1, at 5:30 p.m. in the Toledo Museum of Art's GlasSalon. The cost for attendees is \$30 and \$15 for students.



GOING UP: Bowman-Oddy Laboratories was constructed in 1966 and opened one year later. It became the home of the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department.



Photos from UT Archives, Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections

For more information about the celebration or banquet, contact Charlene Hansen at charlene.hansen@utoledo.edu.

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INAUGURATION SPEECH

“A University of us”

By Dr. Sharon L. Gaber

Thank you to everyone for joining us here today. And on behalf of the University, thank you for the gifts presented here today.

Thank you, Trustee Zerbey, for your kind words, your guidance and your support since I was named in March and particularly since I began in July.

I'd also like to thank Board Chair Sharon Speyer and the members of the Board of Trustees for all you do for The University of Toledo.

I want to acknowledge and thank the former presidents and their families with us today, as well as all the elected and government officials who have joined us.

I'd also like to thank all of the delegates joining us from universities across the nation and the state, including those from institutions I have attended or worked for. I'm honored that you're here. I want to say thanks to my friend Mary Ellen Mazey, president of Bowling Green State University, for being here.

I want to thank the members of my family, especially my children — Allison, Jennifer and Peter — my siblings and my very close friends who have traveled to Toledo to share this special moment with me. I'd like to take a moment to recognize my mother, Eileen, who passed away in 2009 and raised three kids as a single parent. She was a strong supporter and encourager of her children, and she would have been proud to be here today.

Most of all, I want to thank all of you — the faculty, staff, students, alumni and donors of our University of Toledo — for everything you do every day to make UT great. It is an honor to serve as your president.

In 1872, Jesup Scott founded the Toledo University of Arts and Trades. Civic-minded, Scott saw the value that a well-educated work force would add to the entrepreneurial spirit growing in the city of Toledo.

Nearly 150 years after our founding, The University of Toledo continues to transform Toledo and enhance our standing on the national stage.

A University of us

When I was first contacted about the UT presidency, the potential embedded in the simple fact of a university named after its city intrigued me.

The more I investigated, the more impressed I was with what I learned about the region, the city and The University of Toledo.

Toledo's art museum enjoys a national reputation. Toledo's Mud Hens are one of the strongest minor league baseball franchises in the country. The Toledo Zoo was recently ranked as the best in the United States.

We have high-quality health care, a strong transportation industry, and advanced manufacturing.

And we have a Midwestern attitude and resiliency — that combination of a strong work ethic and a friendly demeanor that is so important for our future success.

The University of Toledo is an anchor institution of this community and has the opportunity and the responsibility to move beyond rhetoric; to create a community positioned to embrace and mold our own future. It is critical that we seize this moment.

I know I am new to this city, but I think this fresh perspective enhances my ability to see the outstanding quality of life that Toledo offers.

And as an urban planner, I also see that each of these organizations and industries — and the hundreds more that I've not mentioned — represent pieces of a larger puzzle. As we put these components together, we create a larger picture of what the future of our community looks like. And we advance our region and elevate the quality of life for all in northwest Ohio and beyond.

The University of Toledo has an important role to play in this mosaic.

As one of the most comprehensive universities in the country, UT has more potential partners than most — law, medicine, pharmacy, business, engineering, the health sciences, nursing, education, the arts, the humanities, the social sciences, the natural sciences.

A lot of universities offer some or many of these fields. The University of Toledo offers all of them.

As someone who studies cities professionally, I have seen universities that turn their backs on their communities. They build barriers, both metaphorical and sometimes even physical walls, to avoid the complexity that comes from interactions with neighborhoods.

They see themselves as apart and separate.

At The University of Toledo, our neighbors will find no fences as they seek to engage us. The successes of UT and greater Toledo are inextricably linked. Our fortunes rise and fall together.

The wealth of knowledge at UT is vast. We have experts in fields of study ranging from star formation to algal blooms, from

neurology to puppetry performance, and from constitutional law to supply chain management. This expertise is stitched into the fabric of the community.

Many of our relationships throughout the region are rich and mature, and even more are emerging. We are diverse and must embrace and encourage even more diversity of both people and ideas. We must reflect Toledo and northwest Ohio and embrace its strengths.

This is a “University of us.”

The strength of partnerships

And the benefits of these partnerships are mutually rewarding. Some examples:

The international reputation of the Toledo Museum of Art strengthens our art education, which is housed next door in the Center for the Visual Arts.

The College of Engineering's mandatory co-op experience — one of only eight in the nation — integrates on-the-job education for our students with businesses across the region.

The new academic affiliation between ProMedica Health System and the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences will fundamentally transform clinical education, research and biomedical economic development in northwest Ohio.

And you will find our professors' research and ideas, not only in the books and journals of academia, but in our actions and outreach locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

For example, UT is home to one of the foremost experts on human trafficking. Her research has helped changed Ohio laws, and she and her team rescue survivors of this abuse.

A wetlands restoration project completed this year is pulling chemical runoff and bacteria out of the Maumee River and allowing families to enjoy swimming in Lake Erie again.

And I'm learning more every day.

In my first months, I have spent time — and will continue to spend time — visiting UT's faculty and colleges, and learning about their academic strengths. I have met with the students that they are teaching and the alumni who thrive thanks to their UT education. I have seen their passion for this institution, for this region, and for the future we can create together.

In my conversations with UT trustees, faculty, staff, students and community leaders, I hear a shared vision for the future of The University of Toledo: to reinforce



a strong and vibrant academic core, to commit to research and the creation of new knowledge, and to recruit the best students, faculty, clinicians and researchers.

I see this same future.

And I see this input as a vital first step in a participatory planning model.

But a strong University can only exist in a strong and thriving community.

I see a crescendo of momentum in Toledo, and we must work together to continue accelerating this progress.

I mentioned earlier the potential embedded in a university named for its city. Consider the company UT keeps among urban universities across the nation that are named for their cities: the University of Louisville, the University of Memphis, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Houston, the University of San Francisco, Tulsa University, New York University, the University of Pittsburgh.

And The University of Toledo.

Our name is not incidental or casually chosen. We are part of a proud tradition of institutions that are advanced regionally and nationally through engagement with their communities.

A call to action

To best position ourselves locally, regionally and nationally, let me share with you a “call to action” for The University of Toledo.

First, it will be my top priority to work with the University community and regional organizations to elevate UT’s reputation on the national stage. But this is not one person’s task. Don’t ever be shy about sharing your successes and accomplishments and those of your UT colleagues. As a “University of us,” our strength comes from the chorus of many voices.

Second, we will increase the numbers and the academic preparedness of students enrolling at UT, and we will make sure they graduate. First- to second-year student retention has increased by about 2 percentage points in each of the past two years — a good start toward improved graduation numbers.

Let’s commit to not only do the right thing for our students, but to do the extra thing. Ensuring student success is the job of every single member of this community.

Third, we will increase externally funded research and research expenditures, and we will embrace the importance of faculty scholarship. As a doctoral research university, it is the job of our faculty to discover new knowledge in collaboration

with our undergraduate and graduate students and pass that on to society.

We have done this, and we will reinvigorate this effort.

Fourth, we will dramatically increase our fundraising efforts for student scholarships, endowed professorships, new and renovated facilities, and University initiatives. As I look around, it’s wonderful to see so many University supporters. This is a great indicator of the passion so many of you have for this institution.

And fifth, we will ensure that a UT education stays financially accessible for students by reducing administrative costs.

We will continue to be responsible stewards of our public resources.

And embedded within all of these priorities is an ongoing commitment to increasing and celebrating the strength created by *our* diversity.

Now I assure you that I have no illusions that we will accomplish all of our goals overnight. This call to action is for this next era of our University. Some of the relationships between the universities and the cities I named can provide a template for success. A collaborative spirit requires few resources and can immediately result in truly tangible benefits.

UT *is* one of the most comprehensive universities in the country. So no matter which school our football team is defeating on any given Saturday — and no matter what other schools you are watching as you wait for the Rockets’ game to start — they most likely don’t have all of the strengths and assets that we have here.

And with a strong business community and nonprofit sector eager to hire current UT students for internship opportunities and new UT graduates for promising careers, we begin to create the sort of constructive economic cycle that retains young professionals and lifts Toledo and the University with each rotation.

To paraphrase a quote from educational activist Geoffrey Canada, no one is going to come in to do it for us.

We must decide to ascend.

I hope you join me in that decision and we work together so that The University of Toledo and greater Toledo will ascend.

In the coming months, UT will begin a strategic planning process to flesh out the initiatives and programs needed to advance the five goals I have laid out in my call to action for the University.

Such strategies are only successful with significant and substantive input from internal and external constituents.

A new era for The University of Toledo

Being inaugurated as the 17th president of The University of Toledo marks the beginning of a new era. And while I rarely emphasize it, I am proud to be the University’s first female president. I recognize the responsibility that comes with being “first” in any leadership role, and I commit to you that I will work hard to meet that responsibility.

Today in the audience are women who are or who will become presidents, CEOs or other leaders in their chosen professions. I hope my role here helps encourage leadership in others.

As this new era takes shape, I would ask everyone in this arena, and in this community, to add one more essential ingredient that is key to the success of UT and Toledo: a sense of urgency.

UT has accomplished a great deal, and we begin this new era on a strong foundation. And I’m excited by the accomplishments still to come — in student success, in advancing research, and in increased philanthropy.

But as no strong university sits idle, UT must always work to set a faster pace.

Ours will not be a linear path. The road toward progress is uneven and from time to time there will be obstacles. We are ready for those bumps in the road.

But when you look back at UT’s recent positive history, you see the skyward trajectory.

This is a new day and the transformation process must begin anew.

This is a University of us. I need all of us to embrace this moment to move forward. We have challenges and opportunities, and I encourage us to overcome the challenges and seize the opportunities.

I am honored to be the 17th president of The University of Toledo and humbled by the outpouring of support I’ve received.

Consider the words of former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt: “One’s philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes. And the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility.”

I ask that you choose to walk with me on this journey. And I believe together we will achieve the remarkable — for this University and this community.

Thank you and go Rockets!



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Dr. Sharon L. Gaber’s
speech at
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TAKING IT TO THE STREETS: President Sharon L. Gaber held an academic symposium Friday morning in Doermann Theater with, from left, Dr. Patrick Lawrence, professor and chair of the UT Geography and Planning Department; John C. Jones, associate vice president of governance, diversity and inclusion at ProMedica; Dr. Michael Dear, professor emeritus of city and regional planning at the University of California at Berkeley; Dr. Kenneth Reardon, professor and director of the graduate program in urban planning and community development at the University of Massachusetts in Boston; and Dr. Neil Reid, director of the UT Jack Ford Urban Affairs Center and professor of geography and planning. They discussed "Creating a Social Compact Between the City of Toledo and The University of Toledo: From Knowledge to Action."

OUR GLASS CITY: President Sharon L. Gaber talked to Dr. Andy Jorgensen, UT associate professor of chemistry, at the opening of "Greater Toledo: The City in the World," which is the new exhibition by the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections. Gaber and Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson spoke Thursday at the event, which was one of many during inauguration week.



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ROCKET TO A CURE: More than 50 members of UT's Rocket to a Cure team posed for a photo before running and walking in the 22nd annual Komen Northwest Ohio Toledo Race for the Cure Sunday morning. Led by team co-captains President Sharon L. Gaber and UT Board of Trustees Chair Sharon Speyer, both breast cancer survivors, Rocket to a Cure raised more than \$1,300.



PEN MAN: UT student George Wechter wrote a message to President Sharon L. Gaber on a banner that was on Health Science Campus last week. That banner and one from Main Campus were hung in the lobby of Savage Arena during the inauguration.

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Freedom to read celebration continues for 18th year

By Lindsay Mahaney

Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* has garnered a great deal of recognition: a 1961 Pulitzer Prize and the Brotherhood Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and status in 2011 as the American Library Association's 10th most banned book.

The last week of September marks the American Library Association's Banned Books Week. The University of Toledo will join the celebration Thursday, Oct. 1, on the fifth floor of Carlson Library for the 18th annual Banned Books Week Vigil.

The free, public event will begin at 9 a.m. with programs running every half hour until 5 p.m. Speakers will celebrate the right to read, think and speak freely with the campus and Toledo community.

"Our festival is a mirror of how greatly this campus believes in intellectual freedom," said Dr. Paulette D. Kilmer, UT professor of communication, founder and coordinator of the event, which the UT Banned Books Week Coalition spends months planning.

"This campus' belief is evident in many ways — our library, our IT and computer support, the free access for Wi-Fi, The Independent Collegian, UT:10, the radio station — these all show that intellectual inquiry is very important here," she said.

Light snacks and refreshments will be available all day, with free banned books and prizes distributed every half hour. Also this year, the first 400 attendees will receive a goody bag at the entrance, and one bag will have \$50 cash donated by New Sins Press. WXUT also donated 21 shirts for prizes in an all-day Banned Music Twitter Trivia game.

"We are proud to host this campus-wide celebration of the right to read and think freely," Kilmer said. "Our event gives UT people an opportunity to support freedom of expression. We set aside all sorts of holidays — for groundhogs, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day — and they're all good, but we could really afford to add a holiday for reading, too."

Topics and speakers for the event will be:

- 9 a.m. — "Welcome," Barbara Floyd, director of UT's Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections and interim director of UT Libraries, and Dr. Jeffrey Wilkinson, professor and chair of the UT Communication Department;
- 9:30 a.m. — "Reflections" by UT Interim Provost John Barrett;
- 10 a.m. — "Silencing Through Stereotypes: Native Americans in Children's Literature" by Dr. Sharon Barnes, associate professor and interim chair of the UT Women's and Gender Studies;
- 10:30 a.m. — "Toledo Free Press Memories" by Sarah Ottney, Toledo freelance journalist;
- 11 a.m. — "The Helicopter Problem" by Dr. David Tucker, UT professor of communication;
- 11:30 a.m. — "Women Who Know Better" by Warren Woodbury, Toledo author;
- Noon — The Dr. Linda Smith Lecture: "Do Criminals Have First Amendment Rights? Civic Death and the U.S. Constitution" by Dr. Renee Heberle, UT professor of political science;

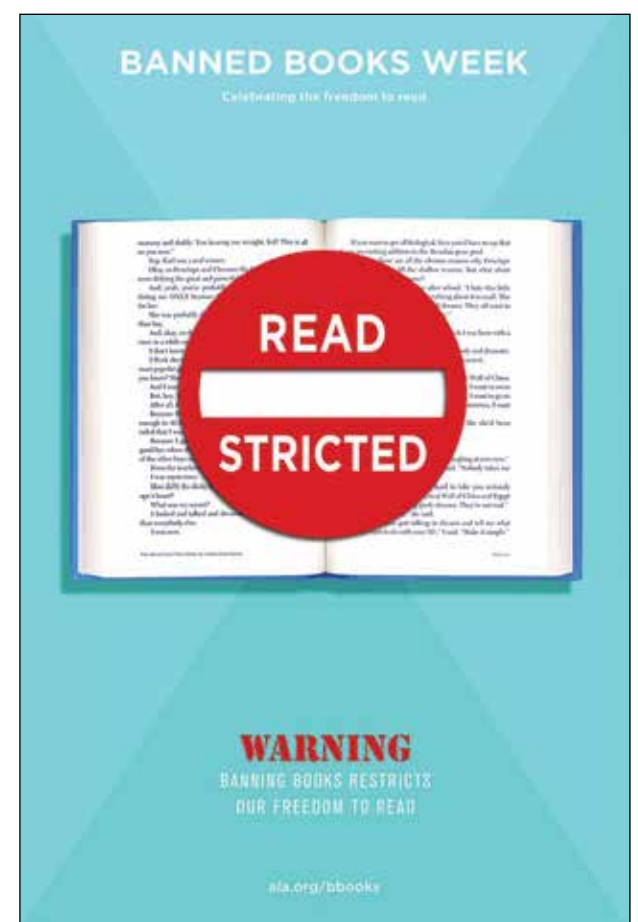


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- 1 p.m. — "Innocence Seduced: A Brief History of Comic Book Censorship" by Dr. Matt Yockey, UT associate professor of theatre and film;
- 1:30 p.m. — "The Shifting Lines of Intellectual Property in the Digital Age" by Wilkinson;
- 2 p.m. — "College Confidential: Censorship of College newspapers" by The Independent Collegian Editor-in-Chief Amanda Pitrof and Forum Editor Morgan Rinckey;
- 2:30 p.m. — "Trigger Warning Here! A Reflection on 'Trigger Warnings' in Higher Education" by Dr. Glen Sheldon, UT honors professor of humanities;
- 3 p.m. — "Jeopardy!" hosted by The Independent Collegian staff;
- 3:30 p.m. — "Naughty Girls or Nasty Minds? The Evolution of Pin-Up Models" by Torrie Jadlocki, local photojournalist;
- 4 p.m. — "You Can't Teach That!" by Cindy Ramirez, English teacher at Bedford Senior High School; and
- 4:30 p.m. — "Banned Books, Birds and Expressing Beliefs Through Art," by Lee Fearnside, associate professor of art at Tiffin University.

In addition to Kilmer, UT Banned Books Week Coalition members are Sheldon; Arjun Sabharwal, UT associate professor of library administration; UT alumna Laura Kinsel Mitchell; and communication students Danielle Pigula and Josie Schreiber.

Kilmer said the Banned Book Week Vigil would not be possible without help from generous sponsors: Barry's Bagels; Ann Lumbrezer; Promedica; UT Starbuck's; The Independent Collegian; WXUT; Kroger; Society for Professional Journalists; New Sins Press; Phoenicia Cuisine; Barnes & Noble University Bookstore; UT Center for Experiential Learning and Career Development; UT Federal Credit Union; UT Foundation Friends of the Libraries; UT Libraries; Jesup Scott Honors College; UT Student Government; UT departments of Art, Communication, English Language and Literature, Foreign Languages, Theatre and Film; UT offices of the Provost, Student Involvement, Excellence and Multicultural Success, Greek Life, Enrollment Services, Communications, and Dean of the College of Communication and the Arts.



Flying high



Photos by Daniel Miller

Sarah St. Fort tried out the bungee jump last week during the President's Backyard Barbecue on Centennial Mall.

Free T's



Erin Hafner, assistant director of alumni relations, left, helped hand out free inauguration T-shirts during the President's Backyard Barbecue on Centennial Mall.

Friday night movie



"Seven Samurai," directed by Akira Kurosawa, will be projected from 16mm film by the UT Department of Theatre and Film Friday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Room 1039. The 207-minute movie stars Toshiro Mifune, Takashi Shimura and Keiko Tsushima, and is set in 1586 during the Warring States Period of Japan when a village of farmers hires seven samurai to protect their crops. Classic movies will be projected from film the first Friday of the month in November, February and April.

Banking on it



Photo by Dr. Patrick Lawrence

A total of 246 volunteers from the UT community, including these three by the Ottawa River, participated in the annual Clean Your Streams event Sept. 19 and removed more than 70 bags of debris and numerous items from Main and Health Science campuses, as well as along local streams and rivers.

Ottawa River Photography Contest winners announced

Three UT students won gift cards for their eye-catching shots they entered in the 2015 Ottawa River Photography Contest.

Sarah Dooley won first place with her photo titled "The Descent to Fall."

Madisyn Watkins came in second with her shot, "Through the Trees."

And Ajay Lingireddy took third place with his photo titled "Fall."

The event was part of the Celebrate Our River Week and was sponsored by the President's Commission on the River.



"The Descent to Fall" by Sarah Dooley



"Fall" by Ajay Lingireddy



"Through the Trees" by Madisyn Watkins

New initiative

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“These highly competitive programs promote knowledge sharing and relationship building while giving students unique opportunities to engage in the global community,” UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. “These experiences are an important scholarly advancement for the Fulbright, Marshall or Rhodes Scholar as an individual, but they also elevate the prestige of the University and the positives of the Toledo community.

“Engaging with students, faculty and researchers around the world through these scholarly exchanges will enhance UT when these scholars bring what they learn from their experiences back to campus, but the relationships built during the programs also will promote UT’s reputation internationally and can help recruit faculty and students to come join us in Ohio.”

The Fulbright Program, which is the flagship international educational exchange program of the United States, is one of the primary grants for which the Competitive Awards Initiative will guide UT students through the application process.

“After researching this prestigious program, I was skeptical about my chances of being accepted, but I decided to apply anyways,” said Hetrick, who received his Fulbright U.S. Student Award to Germany during his senior year studying multi-age education at UT. “It was an extremely extended process, with a lot of revisions, preliminary interviews, and then waiting to hear back from the Fulbright Commission. Toward the middle of March, I finally heard that I had been accepted, and I was ecstatic to say the least.

“I believe that if more people were aware of the exact details and of all the support available to them on campus throughout the application period, more people would apply in the coming years,” he added. “I would love to see several more alumni sent abroad within the next couple years!”

Pullins is already bringing her international experience studying buyer-seller relationships in Finland and teaching at Haaga Helia University back to her students in Toledo. She will include a

videoconference project between her spring international sales class and students in Finland, and is looking for other ways to include long-distance collaboration. And her contacts also have invited UT students to participate in an international sales competition next year.

“As I’ve said before, business cannot be separated from international business in today’s world, and it is imperative we work to give our students that international perspective, whether it’s sharing our firsthand global experiences or connecting them directly with students in another country,” Pullins said. “More and more companies are looking for students who have an internationalized education.”

The Fulbright Program — as well as other major scholarship programs such as the Rhodes, Marshall and Truman — requires a university recommendation as part of the application. The Competitive Awards Initiative is the central resource to provide that recommendation from UT, which also is now part of the National Association of Fellowship Advisers.

“In the past, faculty members or students have submitted the applications on their own or happened to know a person who had been through the process before and received that help. But our goal is to centralize the resources necessary to be able to advise anyone from initial interest through the successful completion of the exchange program,” said Spann, who leads the Center of International Studies and Programs.

Last week, the center recognized the seven most recent Fulbright Program participants at a Fulbright Student and Scholars Breakfast also attended by deans of several UT colleges. The event recognized both UT students and faculty who have gone abroad and international scholars who have come to Toledo through the program.

The Competitive Awards Initiative will call on the UT faculty and students who have participated in the Fulbright and other programs over the years as part of an advisory action team to review and strengthen applications from the University.



Photo by Daniel Miller

EXPANDING TEACHING AND LEARNING: Dr. Ellen Pullins, Schmidt Research Professor of Professional Sales, posed with Dr. Sammy Spann, assistant provost for career services, experiential learning and international programs, at last week’s Fulbright Student and Scholars Breakfast in Libbey Hall. Pullins traveled to Finland, and Spann went to Japan.

“We are gathering the UT leaders who are enthusiastic and excited about helping others and leveraging that collective energy and wisdom to increase significantly the number of these competitive awards UT receives,” Spann said.


In addition to Fulbright, the UT Competitive Awards Initiative is prepared to assist with applications for the Barry Goldwater Scholarship, Boren Scholarship, Gilman Scholarship, Harry S. Truman Scholarships, James Madison Scholarship, Marshall Scholarship, Morris Udall Scholarships, Rhodes Scholarship, Gates Millennium Scholars Program, and the National Science Foundation Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Program.

The initiative also will increase the number of workshops and other events

held on campus for faculty and students interested in learning more about the programs, said Diane Engbretson, assistant director for the Center for International Studies and Programs.

“We recommend faculty and students interested in these research and teaching exchange programs start their applications a year in advance of the next cycle to fully develop a strong submission,” Engbretson said. “Our team will be there to help step by step, and the advisory action team will be an invaluable resource to review and strengthen the proposals so that we not only increase the number of applications from UT, but also the number of awards received.”

For additional information, visit utoledo.edu/cisp/competitiveawards.



UWC Fall Membership Drive with Special Guest Speaker Dr. Sharon Gaber, UT President

WHO: UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S COMMISSION
WHAT: 11:30 A.M. MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
WHERE: SAVAGE ARENA GROGAN ROOM
WHEN: 10/21/2015


The UWC continues to provide undergraduate scholarships to exceptional female students, and takes pride in honoring our University's outstanding women each year.

Membership is \$25 for faculty and staff and \$10 for students. New and returning members can join at the luncheon, or online via the UWC website www.utoledo.edu/commissions/uwc.

The luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. is free to members, non-members can sign up at the luncheon. Plan to bring a friend or colleague.

Please RSVP by October 14 to Synita.Gates@utoledo.edu.

Like The University of Toledo University Women's Commission on Facebook.



Unsung heroes



Photo by Brandi Barhite

Dr. Paul Rega, left, Karen Peckinpaugh and Tom Couture Sr. were inducted into the Emergency Medicine Wall of Honor last week. The Emergency Medicine Wall of Honor, made possible through funding from The Blade, was established in 2011 to recognize individual achievement and self-sacrifice in the emergency medical services and emergency medicine community. Rega is the director of emergency medicine simulation education and medical adviser for disaster preparedness at The University of Toledo Medical Center; Couture is a paramedic who was a founding leader of EMS in Lucas County; and Peckinpaugh is a registered nurse and founder of the Forensics SANE (sexual assault nurse examiners) programs in the region. Rega helped found the Emergency Medicine Wall of Honor.

Muslim Students Association invites you to!

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University schedules events for LGBT History Month

The University of Toledo will celebrate LGBTQA History Month with several events this October.

The Office of Multicultural Student Success, LGBTQA Initiatives and Spectrum UT are dedicated to serving the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and allied students.

“It is important to celebrate LGBT History Month because, like any other marginalized group, LGBT people’s history has been erased from popular media. It’s critical to know how LGBT people got to where we are today, with things such as marriage equality and representation in TV and film,” said Jack Alferio, president of Spectrum UT.

“Although we have come very far since the Compton Cafeteria Riots, the event that is recognized as being the beginning of the LGBT rights movement, we still have a long way to go,” Alferio added. “The fact that LGBT people have not reached true liberation from oppression is why we continue to celebrate LGBT History Month each October.”

Listed by date, events scheduled to increase awareness for LGBTQA History Month include:

Thursday, Oct. 1

- “Learn the Facts,” 8 p.m., Student Union Room 2591.

Thursday, Oct. 8

- “Gender Spectrum,” 8 p.m., Student Union Room 2592.

Monday, Oct. 12

- LGBTQA History Month Celebration, 7 to 9 p.m., Student Union Ingman Room.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

- All Love Photo Shoot, 3 to 5 p.m., Student Union Room 2500. Free professional shoot that will provide prints to all participants.

Thursday, Oct. 15

- Spectrum Drag/Talent Show, 8 to 10 p.m., Rocky’s Attic in the Student Union.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

- Spectrum Hate Crimes Candlelight Vigil, 7 to 9 p.m., Student Union Steps.

Thursday, Oct. 22

- Spectrum Film Screening, “Rocky Horror Picture Show,” 8 p.m., Student Recreation Center Oak Room.

Monday, Oct. 26

- Cake Social, noon to 2:30 p.m., Student Union Room 2500.

Thursday, Oct. 29

- Keynote address, speaker to be announced, 8 p.m., Student Union Room 2591.

Friday, Oct. 30

- Spectrum UT Halloween Ball, 7 to 10 p.m., Student Recreation Center Oak Room.

For more information on these events, call the UT Office of Multicultural Student Success at 419.530.2261.

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