

## Bridge on Stadium Drive set to close March 7

By Lindsay Mahaney

Construction on The University of Toledo's Main Campus will cause road closures for several months. The David Leigh Root Bridge, located on Stadium Drive behind the Snyder Memorial Building, is scheduled to be closed for construction starting Monday, March 7, through Friday, Aug. 12.

Alternate walking and driving routes will remain available during construction. Signage will be placed around campus to redirect traffic.

Following routine inspection, it was determined the bridge, built in 1961, needed to be replaced due to age and condition, said Jason Toth, associate vice president for facilities and construction.

"The new bridge will be constructed with six-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides replacing the current three-foot walks that cause students to walk in the street when passing one another," Toth said. "The new bridge also will incorporate aesthetics that blend with the Gothic architecture on campus."



Photo by Daniel Miller

**CLOSING SOON:** The David Leigh Root Bridge on Stadium Drive is scheduled to close Monday, March 7, and reopen in August.

Lots 5 and 6 west of Savage Arena and the track, lot 10 north of the Glass Bowl, and lot 11 behind the Snyder Memorial Building will remain open during construction.

## Diversity plan moves forward with anonymous online survey to launch this week

By Kathleen Walsh

The University of Toledo continues to move forward with development of a comprehensive diversity plan.

Dr. Willie McKether, special assistant to the president for diversity, has released an anonymous online diversity survey that is available to the UT community through Friday, March 18.

The 40-question survey should take about 20 minutes to complete and contains queries designed to anonymously collect honest feelings about campus climate,

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## Entrepreneur appointed to UT Board of Trustees

By Meghan Cunningham

A local technology entrepreneur and the organizer of TEDxToledo has been appointed the newest member of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees.



Lucas

Will Lucas, the co-founder and CEO of the technology company Classana that connects students with educational and career-related resources, and founder of Creadio that provides custom, live in-store music channels for businesses, was named by Ohio Gov. John Kasich to a term beginning Feb. 24 and ending July 1, 2024.

"I look forward to the opportunity to serve The University of Toledo and our community in this role," Lucas said. "I am passionate about the future of education and the future of Toledo. The University of Toledo is an important part of creating that future, and I stand ready to help it succeed."

Lucas, a 2015 graduate of UT with a bachelor's degree in organizational technology, is the founder, curator and license holder for the local annual TED talks, an acronym that stands for Technology Entertainment Design, bringing together the city's thinkers and doers since 2012.

"I look forward to Will joining the board and adding his perspectives from his community engagement and professional experiences," said Sharon Speyer, chair of the UT Board of Trustees.

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## UT among Ohio universities to receive \$1.9 million Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative Awards

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo is among eight Ohio universities to receive a total of \$1.9 million from the Ohio Department of Higher Education's Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative.

The Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative, jointly managed by UT and Ohio State University, is funding 13 collaborative research projects to provide solutions for the harmful algal blooms that affect Lake Erie, Grand Lake St. Mary's, Buckeye Lake and other fresh water bodies in and around Ohio.

The research projects announced last week focus on tracking the sources and movement of harmful algal blooms, ensuring safe drinking water, protecting public health, and providing critical education and outreach for stakeholders

dealing with both upstream and downstream harmful algal bloom issues.

This is the second round of Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative Awards. The first \$2 million in awards, released in February 2015, supported 18 interdisciplinary, multi-university research projects — eight of which are led by UT — that are in progress.

"[The Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative] was created in the aftermath of the 2014 Toledo water crisis to provide near-term solutions for the full suite of issues surrounding harmful algal blooms," Chancellor John Carey said. "Guided by the technical needs of state agencies at the front lines of the [harmful algal bloom] crisis, Ohio research universities are the engines for creating new knowledge, new

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## UTMC partners with athenahealth for electronic record services

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo Medical Center is expanding its partnership with athenahealth to provide electronic health record services at all clinical locations.

The new relationship with athenahealth will enable both inpatient and outpatient settings to benefit from the cloud-based system that will allow a seamless user experience for all physicians and nurses.

UT, which has been using athenahealth in its outpatient clinics since January 2015, will work closely with the company as it develops its athenaClinicals for Hospitals and Health Systems.

“We are embracing this opportunity to fully implement the cloud across our inpatient and outpatient environments to streamline patient care, reduce duplication of services, and improve patient safety and continuity of care,” UTMC CEO David Morlock said, adding that the project kicked

off in February. “UTMC’s dedicated physicians, nurses, residents, students and staff will be an integral part in the success of this project.”

“athenahealth and The University of Toledo both believe that health-care delivery must transform to improve value for patients while providing a first-class provider experience,” said Jonathan Bush, CEO of athenahealth. “athenahealth is excited to extend our service relationship with The University of Toledo into the realm of development and work together to build a disruptive alternative to legacy health IT solutions that supports health-care providers along the entire continuum of care.”

UTMC’s existing electronic medical record system for inpatient operations, McKesson Horizon Clinicals, is being phased out as the company transitions to a different system, which prompted the search for a new partner.

## ‘Affirmative Action: The Politics and Science of Mismatch’ topic of March 3 law lecture

By Rachel Phipps

Dr. Richard O. Lempert, the Eric Stein Distinguished University Professor of Law and Sociology Emeritus at the University of Michigan Law School, will deliver the Cannon Lecture Thursday, March 3, at noon, in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.



Lempert

the students they are intended to help. During his talk, Lempert will point to methodological and other flaws in studies that find mismatch effects. He will reference his own research at the University of Michigan Law School that followed students into their careers — some for as long as 27 years — and showed that contrary to the predictions of mismatch theory, minorities were every bit as successful as whites.

Lempert has been involved in debates over affirmative action for many years. As chair of the University of Michigan Law School Admissions

The College of Law’s free, public lecture is titled “Affirmative Action: The Politics and Science of Mismatch.”

Lempert will provide a counterpoint to mismatch theory scholars’ arguments that university affirmative action policies disadvantage

Committee, he was the principal drafter of the school’s affirmative action policy, which was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Grutter v. Bollinger*, and a lead witness in that case. Recently, he wrote and submitted an amicus brief discussing the mismatch literature to aid the Supreme Court in *Fisher v. University of Texas*, a case the court currently has under advisement.

In addition to his scholarship on affirmative action and mismatch, Lempert writes in the areas of juries, deterrence, the death penalty, evidence law, informal justice, social science methods, and statistics and the law, and he is the author of several books. His book, *A Modern Approach to Evidence*, now in its fifth edition, pioneered the problem-oriented approach to teaching evidence.

Lempert has chaired the Sociology Department at the University of Michigan and was the founding director of the University of Michigan’s Life Sciences, Values and Society Program. He also has served as the chief scientist in the Human Factors/Behavioral Sciences Division of the Science and Technology Directorate in the Department of Homeland Security and as division director for the Social and Economic Sciences at the National Science Foundation.

Lempert is a graduate of Oberlin College and the University of Michigan Law School, and he holds a PhD in sociology from the University of Michigan.



## Survey

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classroom climate and inclusion. A handful of questions are open-ended for participants to provide in-depth responses.

The survey is one of the tools being used to gather information that will guide the development of a comprehensive, university-wide diversity plan. The survey follows a series of campus and community conversations on diversity that included students, faculty, staff and Toledo residents.

“While we heard loud and clear some issues in the diversity conversations, the online survey will allow us to reach further and collect the feelings and viewpoints of those who couldn’t attend forums or prefer the anonymity of an online survey,” McKether explained.

A link to the online survey is scheduled to be delivered to all student, faculty and staff university email boxes Tuesday, March 1. Additionally, print copies can be requested at the following locations:

- Main Campus — College of Graduate Studies Office, University Hall Room 3240; YOUCollege Office, Rocket Hall Room 1800; Dean of Students Office, Student Union Room 2521; Ottawa House West front desk; and Engineering Co-Op Office, Nitschke Hall Room 1045.
- Health Science Campus — Mulford Library front desk, Mulford Library fourth floor, and Information Center

desk in UT Medical Center main lobby.

- Scott Park Campus — Internal Audit Office, Learning Resource Center Room 3810.

“I encourage participation in the diversity survey from students, faculty and staff. If we do not hear the voices of the entire UT community, then we risk falling short in writing and implementing a meaningful, impactful, university-wide diversity plan,” said UT President Sharon L. Gaber.

In addition to the anonymous survey and community forums, McKether has formed an ad hoc diversity advisory committee that includes students, faculty, staff, Toledo community members, a UT trustee and a Toledo City Council member.

The advisory committee meets biweekly to offer feedback, direction and support to McKether’s efforts.

Also, University leaders have decided to expand Diversity Week in April to encompass the entire month. McKether said he is working with the Division of Student Affairs, student organizations and other groups on campus to develop additional programming highlighting this crucial UT core value.

The diversity plan is expected to be completed by the end of the academic year.

For more information or to ask questions about the plan, contact McKether at [willie.mckether@utoledo.edu](mailto:willie.mckether@utoledo.edu).

## International women's rights activist to speak at UT March 3

By Christine Long

Women's rights activist, author and organizer Charlotte Bunch will come to The University of Toledo to speak in honor of Women's History Month Thursday, March 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the Driscoll Alumni Center Auditorium.



Bunch

Bunch, who began her career in activism during the civil rights movement in the 1960s and was given the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights by President Bill Clinton in 1999, will discuss the growth of the global women's human rights movement in a lecture titled "The Dance of Feminism With Human Rights: A Reflection on 25 Years of Advances, Backlash and Challenges."

"We are honored to host such an inspiring woman who works to empower

citizens worldwide," said Dr. Asma M. Abdel Halim, associate professor and interim chair of women's and gender studies in the UT College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences. "She will look at the advances made by women, especially within the United Nations. While discussing the challenges ahead, she also will address the backlash against feminism."

Bunch is the founding director of the Women for Global Leadership Program at Rutgers University. She has been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame and received the Women Who Make a Difference Award from the National Center for Research on Women.

She also is the author of *Passionate Politics: Feminist Theory in Action*. She is the focus of a 2011 documentary titled "Passionate Politics: The Life and Work of Charlotte Bunch."

Bunch serves on the women's division of the advisory board for the Human Rights Watch. She also sits on the board for the Global Fund for Women and the International Council on Human Rights Policy.

Light refreshment will be served at the free, public event.

## Scholarship support



Photo by Meghan Cunningham

Jan Scotland, chair of the President's Committee for African-American Recruitment, Retention and Scholarship Support, spoke last week at a kickoff event for a fundraising campaign to support scholarships for African-American students in the health professions. UT President Sharon L. Gaber, left, and Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, right, also spoke at the press conference that was attended by several area church leaders. Called "Campaign Critical," the initiative is led by the President's Committee for African-American Recruitment, Retention and Scholarship Support, which was formed in 2006. The committee's goal is to increase the number of African-American health-care workers in the Toledo region to address the health-care needs of African Americans in the community. To make a donation, contact Howard Newman, associate vice president for development, at 419.383.6122, or make your gift online at <http://utole.do/campaigncriticalfund>.

## Law professor visits Mexico City to present on criminal justice reform

By Rachel Phipps

Jelani Jefferson Exum, professor of law at the UT College of Law, last month traveled to Mexico City as a guest lecturer at the Cross-Border Institute for Legal Studies.



Exum

On Jan. 11, she delivered a presentation titled "International Perspectives on Criminal Justice Reform." Exum's lecture explored the ways in which current

criminal justice reform efforts in the United States fit into the changes being made in criminal justice systems in other countries.

"The faculty at the UT College of Law impacts the study and practice of law at all levels: local, state, national and international,"

said Eric Chaffee, associate dean for faculty research and development in the College of Law. "Professor Exum's invitation to present in Mexico is yet another example of our scholars having a global impact."

Exum mainly writes in the area of sentencing law and policy, but her research interests also include comparative criminal law and procedure and the impact of race on criminal justice. She recently was invited to join the editorial board of the *Federal Sentencing Reporter*.

Before joining academia, the graduate of Harvard Law School and Harvard College served as a law clerk for James Dennis, U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Eldon Fallon, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

The Cross-Border Institute for Legal Studies was developed by Arizona Summit Law School to create opportunities for American and Mexican students and practitioners to develop specialized knowledge and experience to enhance their practice.

## In memoriam

**Greta R. Bradford**, Toledo, who worked in ambulatory and transport services at MCO/MUO/UTMC from 1998 to 2012, died Feb. 2 at age 60.

**Dr. Thuong Le**, Ann Arbor, a UT faculty member in the College of Business for more than three decades, died Feb. 9 at age 67. The professor of marketing retired in 2015 after 35 years at the University. Le developed and taught classes on e-commerce, supply chain management and international business. Memorials are suggested to the Marketing Department Fund in honor of Le and his wife, Lily Dalimah Jungan, at the UT Foundation. Gifts may be made online at <https://give2ut.utoledo.edu> designated for "Dr. Thuong Le" or by contacting Brett Loney, associate vice president for development, at 419.530.2408.

**Dr. Sam B. Nadler**, Toledo, who taught as a visiting scholar in the Department of Mathematics from 2007 to 2011, died Feb. 4 at age 76. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Elsa Nadler, former UT director of grants development.

**Matthew Obee**, Woodville, who worked at MCO for more than two decades, died Feb. 21 at age 56. He was a plumber in the Maintenance Department from 1978 to 2001. He is survived by his wife, Lynda Obee, administrative assistant in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

**Kurt K. Zimmerman**, Toledo, former placement director in the UT Career Services Office, died Feb. 18 at age 77. He retired from the University in 1998 after 18 years of service.

## Faculty grant writing workshops continue in March

By Ashley Gearheart

**F**aculty members seeking research funding: Make plans to attend workshops on grant writing in March.

Presented by The University of Toledo Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, the workshops are tailored to help faculty develop strategies to improve their chances for success, said Dr. William Messer, vice president for research.

The programs are designed to assist faculty find opportunities for external funding, successfully work with the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and follow the best practices for writing grants. The workshops also will include tips from successful recipients and reviewers.

Each workshop focuses on a different research area.

“We want to help faculty scholars from all disciplines, not just medicine, engineering and the sciences, to develop their skills and realize their professional goals,” Messer said.

Listed by date, upcoming workshops will be held:

- Friday, March 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Health and Human Services Building Room 1711 on Main Campus, with a focus on the National Science Foundation for faculty in science and engineering.
- Friday, March 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Health and Human Services Building Room 1711 on Main Campus with a focus on social science, business and education.
- Friday, April 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Student Union Room 2591 on Main Campus with a focus on communication, art and humanities.
- Friday, May 13, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Nitschke Technology and

Commercialization Complex Brady Engineering Innovation Center on Main Campus with a focus on Small Business Innovation Research and the Small Business Technology Transfer programs.

The Feb. 19 workshop on Health Science Campus looked at the National Institutes of Health as a funding source for faculty in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

“We want to work with faculty to help them develop as scientists and scholars. Research funding is difficult to obtain, and our faculty have to be ready to compete for limited resources,” Messer said.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Marcie Ferguson at [marcie.ferguson@utoledo.edu](mailto:marcie.ferguson@utoledo.edu).

### Faculty Grant Writing Workshops

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- ▶ Best practices for grant writing
- ▶ Tips from successful recipients and reviewers
- ▶ Working with the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs
- ▶ Finding opportunities for funding

## UT Libraries encourage students to take book on spring break

**S**horts — check. T-shirts — check. Sunglasses — check. Bathing suit — check. Sun screen — check.

And library book — check. All packed in your suitcase for spring break.

University Libraries, in partnership with the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, is encouraging UT students to take advantage of a week away from studies to read. Not textbooks or research articles, but reading for pleasure.

In December, UT Libraries renewed its agreement with the public library that provides University students and employees with a chance to check out popular fiction books usually unavailable on campus. A Rocket ID is the only thing needed to check out a book.

The public library provides the books to the University so that students can read for enjoyment rather than just for study.

“We hope students will take the opportunity to look at the books available near the elevators on the second floor of

Carlson Library in the area designated with the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library signage,” said Barbara Floyd, interim director of UT Libraries. “Spring break is a perfect chance to relax and refocus, and reading popular books that can take your mind off school work is a great way to spend some time.”

The agreement between the two libraries has been in place since 2008.

The public library provides books to encourage students to develop a lifelong reading habit, said Marilyn Zielinski, technical services manager for the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

Many new titles have been added to the collection and are available for checkout in Carlson Library.

Popular books also are available on Health Science Campus on the fourth floor of Mulford Library for students and employees, Floyd said.



Photo by Crystal Hand

**THE NEED TO READ:** Check out a book to enjoy over spring break or anytime. UT Libraries, in partnership with the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, offers popular titles available to borrow by students, faculty and staff.

## Salt-N-Pepa to headline '90s concert at Savage Arena

By Steve Easton

**G**et ready to push it — push it real good — when the I Love the '90s Tour stops at Savage Arena Saturday, Aug. 20, as part of the Savage Live concert series.

The event will be headlined by the Grammy Award-winning group Salt-N-Pepa, best known for their groundbreaking efforts as one of the first all-female rap groups and numerous hits.

The lineup also will feature Vanilla Ice, Coolio, Tone Loc, Kid 'n Play, Rob Base and Young MC.

Fans can count on a groove-filled evening featuring hits that include “Push It,” “Shoop,” “Whatta Man,” “Ice, Ice Baby,” “Gansta’s Paradise,” “Wild Thing,” “Funky Cold Medina,” “Rollin’ With Kid ‘n Play,” “It Takes Two,” “Joy and Pain,” “Bust A Move” and more.

I Love the '90s will be the second event in Savage Live, a multi-event concert series hosted by The University of Toledo. Savage Live will kick off Saturday, March 19, with the sold-out Rock the Arena, an eight-act rock fest headlined by Bret Michaels.

“We’re thrilled to announce I Love the '90s as the next event in the Savage Live concert series,” said UT Associate Athletic Director Tony Zaworski. “Our goal has always been to bring in entertainment that will appeal to both the campus and community, and we believe this lineup does just that. This concert will take us back to a decade that helped lay the foundation for today’s hip-hop and rap artists with music that still permeates pop culture today.”

He added, “After selling out Rock the Arena, we believe this next installment in our series will continue to show that Savage Arena is once again a thriving venue for live entertainment in Toledo.”

I Love the '90s will take place Saturday, Aug. 20, in Savage Arena. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the music will begin at 7 p.m.

Current UT students can buy discount tickets for \$25 at the UT Ticket Office in Savage Arena beginning Monday, Feb. 29.

Tickets starting at \$35 will go on sale Thursday, March 3, at [UTSavageLive.com](http://UTSavageLive.com) and at the UT Ticket Office in Savage Arena and by calling 419.530.4653.

For more information on this and other Savage Live events, visit [UTSavageLive.com](http://UTSavageLive.com) or [UTRockets.com](http://UTRockets.com).



Salt-N-Pepa



Coolio



Young MC



Kid 'n Play



Tone Loc



Rob Base



Vanilla Ice

## Jazz organ in spotlight for UT faculty concert March 3

By Angela Riddell

UTrio, a newly formed University faculty group focusing on jazz organ, will take the stage of Doermann Theater Thursday, March 3 at 7 p.m.

The group features UT jazz faculty members Jay Rinsen Weik on guitar, Tad Weed on organ, and Dr. Olman E. Piedra on drums.

UTrio will play traditional jazz pieces by well-known composers, as well as original compositions by the group.

During the concert, audience members will be able to join the musicians on stage for a more intimate performance. The concert will be filmed for video release.

In addition, Weed has created a jazz organ program at UT for students. "It is so unique, it may be the only one of its kind in the country," Weed said.



Photo by Daniel Miller

UTrio is Jay Rinsen Weik on guitar, left, Tad Weed on organ, center, and Dr. Olman E. Piedra on drums.

The program features student musicians on guitar, drums and horns, as well as organ. The jazz organ player covers both solos and harmony, and takes the role of the bass player.

Tickets to the concert are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students, seniors and children.

To purchase tickets, visit [utoledo.edu/boxoffice](http://utoledo.edu/boxoffice) or call 419.530.ARTS (2787).

## Human rights the focus of March 3 program

Dr. Joel Pruce of the University of Dayton will speak about human rights Thursday, March 3, as part of the UT Department of Political Science and Public Administration's 2016 speaker series.



Pruce

The title of Pruce's discussion is "What Does Human Rights Look Like? Visual Culture of Aid, Activism and Advocacy."

He will talk about what people can learn about human rights organizations through an analysis of the visual expression of their work.

The free, public discussion is slated for 5:15 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 2040.

Pruce joined the University of Dayton in 2014 as an assistant professor of political science. He is the editor of the forthcoming book, *The Social Practice of Human Rights*.

His research interests include human rights, foreign policy, international organization, mass media and visual culture, and critical theory.

Pruce's talk is part of a series offered by the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences.

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technologies and new approaches to give us both short-term assistance and long-term solutions."

Each project funded by the initiative consists of multiple university partners, and state funds have been matched at least one to one by participating universities.

"These awards to our universities also serve to train the next generation of Ohio scientists who will be called upon to address future environmental challenges," Carey said.

The UT research projects are:

- "Characterization of Recreational Exposures to Cyanotoxins in Western Lake Erie Basin" led by Dr. April Ames, assistant professor in the Department of Public Health and Preventative Medicine;
- "Harmful Algal Bloom Avoidance: Vertical Movement of Harmful Algal Blooms in Lake Erie" led by Dr. Thomas Bridgeman, associate professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences;

- "Discovery of Enzymes and Pathways Responsible for Microcystin Degradation" led by Dr. Jason Huntley, assistant professor of medical microbiology and immunology; and
- "Evaluating Home Point-of-Use Reverse Osmosis Membrane Systems for Cyanotoxin Removal" led by Dr. Glenn Lipscomb, professor and chair of the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering.

Ongoing activities funded by the first round of the Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative include the development of an early warning system for bloom hazards in the western Lake Erie basin, a phosphorus fingerprinting technique to determine the origin of nutrient runoff, alternative water treatment tools to detect microcystin and other toxic algal byproducts, and a better understanding of the exposure of humans to toxins from fish and fresh produce.

## Business-minded



Photo by Bob Mackowiak

Bethany Brown, a junior majoring in finance, left, and Hannah Ayer, a junior majoring in finance, center, talked with Dawn Humphrey of Fifth Third Bank at the College of Business and Innovation's spring job fair held earlier this month in the Student Union. Approximately 450 UT business students attended the event that had representatives from 110 companies looking to hire for full-time positions and find undergraduate students for internships and leadership development programs.

## Law marketing publication recognized

Members in the Office of Marketing and Communications were recognized for outstanding work Feb. 25 at the annual Toledo ADDY Awards, held at the historic Valentine Theatre.

The view book, created for the University's College of Law, earned a Bronze Award and was produced through the combined efforts of:

- Amanda Ngur, graphic designer;
- Daniel Miller, photographer;
- Paula Ashley, marketing strategist;
- Michelle Hoch-Henningsen, creative director;

- Debbra Cooper, print production manager;
- Rachel Phipps, assistant law dean for communications; and
- Jessica Mehl, assistant law dean for admissions.

The American Advertising Award is the advertising industry's largest and most representative competition, attracting more than 40,000 entries every year in local American Advertising Federation competitions.



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Business Insider named Lucas among the 46 Most Important African Americans in Technology in 2014 and the Most Influential African Americans in Tech in 2013. TechCruch also listed him in the 40 Diverse

People in Tech Who Made Big Moves in 2015.

He serves on the Ohio Casino Control Commission and the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission.

## RSVP by March 4 for RockeTHON Miracle Banquet Dinner

RockeTHON will host a Miracle Banquet Dinner for all University of Toledo faculty, staff, alumni and community members Tuesday, March 22.

UT President Sharon L. Gaber will be the night's keynote speaker along with a Miracle Family.

The night also will feature a cash bar, silent auction and a buffet-style dinner.

"In the past, RockeTHON has generally attracted student involvement," Sean Reck, overall director for RockeTHON, said. "This banquet is an excellent avenue for non-student members of this University's community to get involved with RockeTHON."

RockeTHON is the largest student-run philanthropy on campus. Students raise funds throughout the year for local Miracle Children's Hospital, Mercy Children's Hospital. Since 2001, \$700,000 has been raised.

This year, the goal is to raise \$130,000, a \$24,000 increase from the \$106,000 raised last year, according to Reck.

Tickets are \$25 each; checks, cash and credit cards are accepted.

RSVP for the event by calling 419.530.4606 or visit the Ask Rocky desk on the second floor of the Student Union by Friday, March 4.

RockeTHON cordially invites you to the

# Miracle Banquet

Tuesday, March 22 at 6 p.m.  
Keynote Address: Dr. Sharon Gaber and Miracle Family  
Student Union Auditorium  
\$25 per person

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# Rockets to begin spring football practice March 1

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo football team will begin its quest for a 2016 Mid-American Conference Championship when spring practice opens Tuesday, March 1.

The Rockets will have three practices this week, then take a week off for spring break before resuming practice Tuesday, March 15.

Toledo is coming off a 10-2 season, including a 32-17 victory over Temple in the Marmot Boca Raton Bowl.

First-year Head Coach Jason Candle returns 15 starters from last year's squad, including junior running back Kareem Hunt, a first-team All-MAC selection in 2014.

"The quality of players we have is as good as it's been since I've been here. But we know ability doesn't always equal wins. It's all the other characteristics that often

make up a winning football team," Candle said. "The players who are returning learned so many lessons last year, not only how to play the game, but they learned how to overcome adversity and never quit.

"There are great challenges ahead of us. This team still has some question marks. But looking at it from scratch, we have a lot of good football players coming back and also a lot of players who have the potential to be very good. If we continue on our current learning curve, we could have another very successful season."

The spring practice season will culminate with the annual spring game in the Glass Bowl Saturday, April 9, at noon.

Rocket football season ticket orders are being taken now. Call 419.530.GOLD (4653) for more information.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**BACK IN ACTION:** Junior running back Kareem Hunt, who ran for two touchdowns and 79 yards in Toledo's 32-17 win over Temple in the Marmot Boca Raton Bowl, and the Rockets return to the field to practice this week.

# Rockets offer \$6 seats for men's, women's basketball games March 4-5

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo Athletic Department announced that \$6 tickets will be available for the final regular-season home men's and women's basketball games Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5.

The Rocket men will host Eastern Michigan Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m. The \$6 seats for that game will be located in the bleachers. Bleacher seating is normally reserved for UT students, but during spring break, those seats will be available for sale

to the general public. Bleachers are located at floor level in either end zone.

The UT women will host Ball State Saturday, March 5, at 2 p.m. All general admission tickets and bleacher seats will cost \$6 for that game.

The UT women also will host Central Michigan Wednesday, March 2, at 7 p.m.

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**\$6 BLEACHER SEATS**

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