

ENGAGE

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO'S
COMMITMENT
TO THE TOLEDO REGION



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The Office of the President, in collaboration with The University of Toledo's divisions, departments and 13 colleges, takes the lead in fostering community relations and openly communicating with the greater Toledo community, including its civic leaders, neighborhood associations, nonprofits and businesses surrounding and contiguous to the University.

UT takes great pride in being a public research university that serves the community. Since our founding, we've been committed to public service, and we remain focused on our goal to effect positive change in the community, the state, the nation and the world.

Whether we're teaming up with regional experts to address crucial issues such as the opioid epidemic and human trafficking, providing college-readiness support to area schools, taking the arts to underserved areas, or collaborating with statewide and national groups to solve environmental problems such as algal blooms, UT has built a rich tradition of partnership-building with governmental officials, area organizations and community members.

Fueled by the ongoing commitment of our students, dedicated faculty and staff — many of whom are your family members, friends, colleagues and neighbors — UT cares for the region's citizens in myriad ways. On the following pages, you will discover how the University's commitment to our community is significantly helping improve the region we are proud to call home.

Be assured The University of Toledo remains steadfast in serving greater Toledo through our mission of improving the human condition. And, by creating a welcoming environment with numerous academic, athletics, arts and community engagement opportunities throughout the year, we want everyone in our community to consider UT both a destination and a hub.

Thank you for partnering with us!

Sincerely,

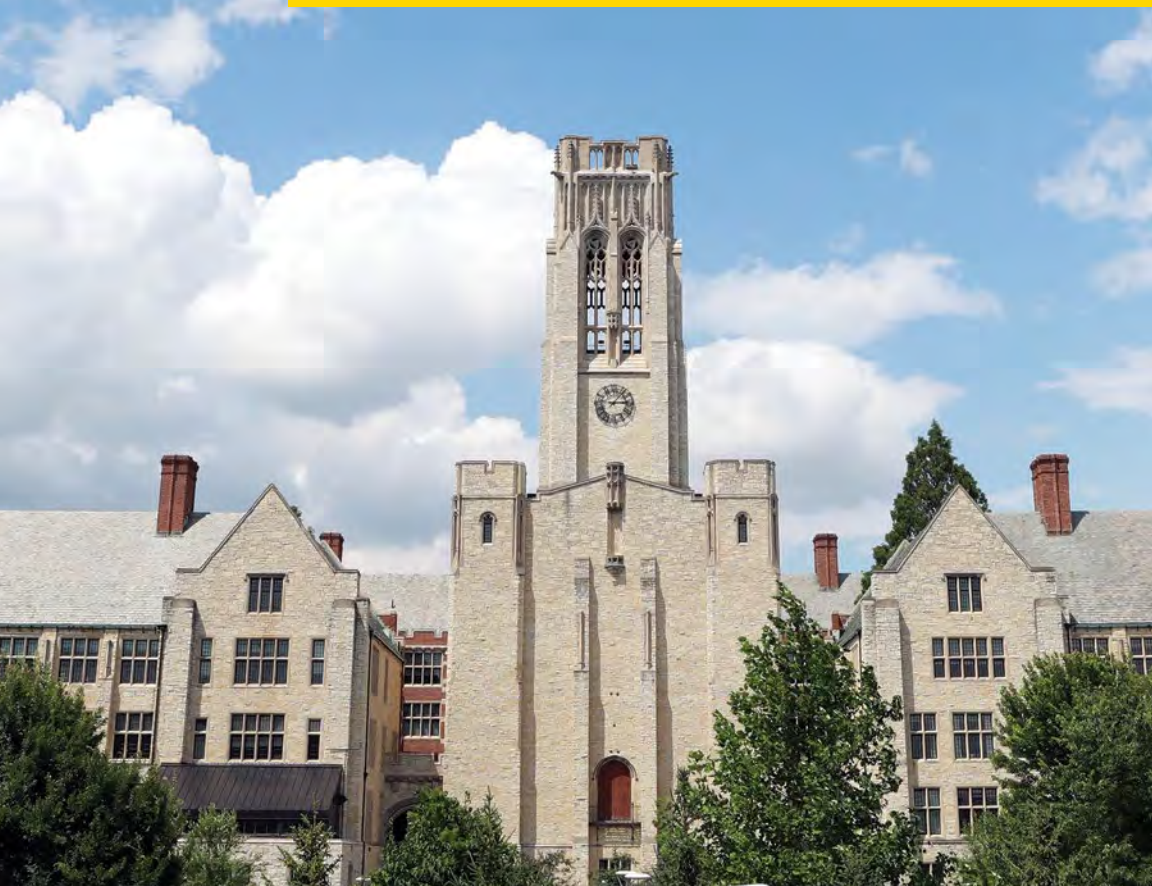
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon L. Gaber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon L. Gaber, PhD
President

Engage

TALENT

Building a strong economy requires a workforce with a strong educational foundation able to meet the needs of business, community organizations and government agencies. The University of Toledo has developed strong academic and experiential learning programs, providing students with the opportunities to build experience in their fields of study and provide area businesses with access to a strong pool of interns and employees to help advance their operations.



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

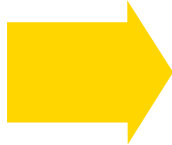
College of Engineering requires co-op or internship from all bachelor of science students.



DURING THE 2017-18
ACADEMIC YEAR

1,771

**COLLEGE OF
ENGINEERING
CO-OPS**




nearly
50%

WERE PLACED IN
COMPANIES IN THE
**NORTHWEST OHIO/
SOUTHEAST
MICHIGAN REGION.**



Students in The University of Toledo's College of Engineering are required to complete a co-op or internship. Nearly 50 percent are placed in companies in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, including the BP-Husky Toledo Refinery.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND INNOVATION





Approximately
50%
OF COBI STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNSHIP
FIND PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT WITH THEIR INTERNSHIP COMPANIES.

2017 spring graduates of the College of Business and Innovation



92.1%
WERE EMPLOYED WITHIN
6 MONTHS OF GRADUATION.



78%
FOUND THAT EMPLOYMENT IN THE
NORTHWEST OHIO/SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN REGION.



55%
ARE EMPLOYED IN THE
GREATER TOLEDO AREA.



"Based on my experience, I feel that student internships provide invaluable growth opportunities. Although skills and techniques can be taught in the classroom, nothing will top applying what you have learned in the "real world." Not only did my internship allow me to apply what I learned in class; but I also learned how to operate in a corporate setting. My internship helped me build communication skills that can only be cultivated in the workforce."

Jillian, COBI student and intern, spring 2018



INNOVATION

From developing new solutions to address the nation's opioid crisis locally to helping entrepreneurs develop their businesses, The University of Toledo is applying Toledo-based research to solve our community's challenges.





OPIOIDS

In November 2017, President Sharon L. Gaber created a task force to address the opioid epidemic. “There are many researchers, physicians and educators across the University working on issues related to the opioid crisis. Our goal is to bring all of these individuals together to ensure that we are collaborating to find solutions to this public-health crisis across our region and state,” Gaber said.

“Opioid abuse, addiction and overdoses affect families of every socio-demographic group,” Dr. Linda Lewandowski, dean of the UT College of Nursing and co-chair of the committee, said. “Our research, education and service activities can help make a difference in the state of Ohio, as well as the nation.”

UT'S CURRENT OPIOID RESEARCH INITIATIVES

UT faculty are collaborating with community partners to develop research in many areas, including:

- Use of assistive technologies
- Needle exchange program
- Opioids and the elderly
- Testing new treatments
- Educating faculty/staff about spotting opioid abuse/overdose
- Personal/professional health and safety for first responders
- Mechanism of action-opiate receptors
- Opioid-addicted infants
- Children in foster care
- Effects of opioid addiction on families
- Opioids in waste water

[Click here to watch and learn more.](#)

LAUNCHPAD INCUBATION

The University of Toledo's LaunchPad incubation program was selected as the March 2018 Incubator of the Month by the International Business Innovation Association. "We are incredibly honored to be given this award, as the International Business Innovation Association is the lead benchmarking association within innovation ecosystems," Frank Calzonetti, vice president of research at the University, said. "Our outcome metrics and our mode of operation were measured against international centers much like LaunchPad, so to be No. 1 speaks volumes about the exciting developments within our companies and the programs we've built to serve them."

Since its inception in 2014, LaunchPad has served more than 250 entrepreneurs, creating nearly 250 jobs and nearly \$30,000,000 in sales revenue and professional investment within the northwest Ohio region. Many of these companies have been composed of UT students, faculty and staff.

LaunchPad has strong experience in helping new entrepreneurs find opportunities to bring marketable ideas to fruition as it has helped develop several student companies, including Grypshon Industries, which was successfully launched on an episode of "Shark Tank" by founder, CEO and UT alumnus Tom Burden.

"The University helped me take this idea and turn it into a real product that is now available for sale."

Tom Burden, mechanical engineering technology graduate and participant on ABC's Shark Tank, 2014.



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**within the northwest
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PLACE

As one of the most comprehensive universities in the nation, The University of Toledo has the ability and the resources to improve the quality of life in the Toledo region. From providing health services to underserved populations, engaging young people in positive activities, ensuring the quality of drinking water for the entire region and cleaning up neighborhoods, The University of Toledo is a part of making the Toledo region a place where people, including our students, faculty, staff and alumni, choose to make their lives.

COMMUNITYCARE CLINIC

CommunityCare Clinic, a student-run clinic, provides comprehensive health care to treat the underserved in the Toledo community. The CommunityCare Clinic facilitates a unique experience that places students from different health-science disciplines, including medicine, pharmacy and physician assistants, in a dynamic, collaborative, clinical setting.

[Click here to watch and learn more.](#)



BETWEEN MAY 2017-APRIL 2018

**UT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
AND LIFE SCIENCES
STUDENTS CONDUCTED**

151
clinics

SERVING

4,993
patients

AND TOTALING

1,078
hours of service.



“CommunityCare Clinic is an opportunity to bring together everything we are as health professions students and members of the larger Toledo community. It is a chance to take what we have learned in our classrooms and apply it to the lives of others. At the same time, it is an avenue to further our academic and personal development. Under the supervision of health-care professionals, we get to explore an interdisciplinary approach to patient care. From the patients themselves, we get a snapshot of the struggles facing the uninsured and underserved. It is an invaluable experience that reminds us each week why we put in the long hours in the library.”

*Nick Burkholder, executive director,
The University of Toledo CommunityCare Clinic*

COMMUNITY MUSIC PROGRAM

The University of Toledo Department of Music Community Music Program offers two community ensembles — the Children’s Choir of Northwest Ohio and the UT Youth Jazz Orchestra. The Children’s Choir of Northwest Ohio is open to youth in grades three through 10 and the Youth Jazz Orchestra accepts high school students.

[Click here to watch and learn more.](#)

WATER TASK FORCE

In response to Toledo’s August 2014 “Do Not Drink Advisory,” The University of Toledo experts formed a task force to provide support and information to officials and the public on the nature of the problem and to suggest approaches to protect the health of Lake Erie, the quality of drinking water in northwest Ohio and the health of citizens.

[Click here to watch and learn more.](#)



“I grew up here in Toledo, so this is a topic that is important to my family and me.”

Zachary Swan, environmental sciences major, conducting research alongside scientists to protect public drinking water.

“We have tremendously talented jazz faculty and a solid program in which community ensembles can flourish. We’re excited to offer these performance opportunities to the youth in our community.”

Dr. Jason Stumbo, associate professor and director of the School of Visual and Performing Arts



THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO HAS MORE THAN

\$6M

IN ACTIVE GRANTS

UNDERWAY TO ADDRESS WATER QUALITY CONCERNS.



VICTORY DAY

Each year, the Rocket football team participates in Victory Day to help special needs kids in the community play like a Rocket champion for the day.

NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM (NYSP)

The National Youth Sports Program is offered annually at The University of Toledo for economically disadvantaged youth ages 9 to 16. The program provides kids with the opportunity to receive daily sports and educational instruction. Each year, NYSP provides approximately 150 at-risk Toledo youth with enrichment and sports programs that benefit them and the entire community.

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ROCKET STUDENT-ATHLETES CONTRIBUTED

2,326

HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

DURING THE 2017-18 ACADEMIC YEAR.

STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE

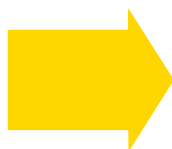
Students performed nearly 40,000 community-service hours during the 2017-18 academic year. This is a 59 percent increase from last academic year. These service hours do not include the thousands of hours students give back through student teaching, clinicals and unpaid internships.

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BIG EVENT

The BIG Event is the largest one-day, student-run service project at The University of Toledo where students come together to say “thank you” to the residents of Toledo. Started nine years ago, 52 student organizations volunteered at 42 sites around Toledo in 2018.



IN 2018,

52

student organizations

VOLUNTEERED AT

42

sites

AROUND TOLEDO.

“It is amazing to see the amount of people who come to the BIG Event for the sole purpose of giving back to the community that surrounds our campus. It is our chance as students to say thank you to all of the residents who do so much for us. I truly love the BIG Event and the people I have worked with through this organization to thank for forming me into the person I am today.”

*Gabrielle Latreille, recreational therapy major,
BIG Event director, 2018*





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