

## The White Panda to close Music Fest 2013 with dance remixes

By Meghan Cunningham

The mash-up/remix duo The White Panda will wrap up a day of live performances at Music Fest 2013 with electronic dance beats.

The group is the final act in the popular festival that will feature a variety of music, including rock, jazz, Motown, country and ska. Music Fest 2013 will take place Friday, Sept. 13, on The University of Toledo Main Campus

Boyhood friends Tom Evans (Procrast) and Dan Griffith (DJ Griffi) combined their previously independent mash-up careers in 2009 and formed The White Panda. Their first single topped Internet radio charts days later. In June, the duo released its fifth full-length disc, *Bearly Legal*.

Music Fest 2013 will begin at 3 p.m. with The Lonely Friends, a Maumee band that won the UT Local Band Challenge to open the festival. The band, which describes its sound as “old-school rock with

influences of blues and some metal to keep it fresh,” received the majority of votes — more than 8,000 — among performance videos from local bands posted to the Music Fest Facebook page.

The Contours featuring Sylvester Potts will be next on stage at 4:30 p.m. bringing the Motown sound to campus. They are best known for the 1962 hit “Do You Love Me” written by legendary Motown CEO Berry Gordy and later featured in the film “Dirty Dancing.” The group performs ’60s and ’70s hits as well as songs from the movie’s soundtrack.

A pep rally will take place at 5:30 p.m. to get the Rocket football team ready for its first game against Eastern Washington that will take place Saturday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Glass Bowl.

The music will continue with Alexander Zonjic with The Motor City Horns at 6 p.m. The jazz flutist returns



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## LifeLine Response EDU mobile phone safety app available free to students

By Meghan Cunningham

A mobile phone application available for free to students at The University of Toledo provides safety features to connect with authorities in case of an emergency.

LifeLine Response EDU puts help at your fingertips by immediately notifying LifeLine Response 24/7 Emergency Response Center and sounding an alarm when help is needed. The closest 911 center is notified and will use real-time GPS location to send help when activated.

“All college students these days carry a cell phone, and this application essentially puts the code blue emergency phones on campus right in your pocket to notify authorities if you are ever in need of help,” UT Police Chief Jeff Newton said. “The unique safety features in this app add to our overall efforts to provide a safe campus.”

LifeLine EDU offers users two modes. In the thumb mode, a user presses his or her thumb down on the smartphone touch screen and can hold it for how ever long he or she feels unsafe, up to 15 minutes. When the thumb leaves the screen, a countdown begins. If the countdown is not disarmed with the user’s personal code within seven seconds, an alarm will go off and local police will be contacted.

There also is a timer mode that can be used for longer periods of time or when you need your hands free. If the application is not disarmed when the timer expires, authorities are contacted.



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## UT partners with American University of Beirut to bring diabetes research to Middle East

By Samantha Watson

With diabetes diagnoses increasing at an alarming rate across the Middle East, The University of Toledo and the American University of Beirut (AUB) in Lebanon have initiated one of the first international diabetes research centers in the Arab region.

“Estimates indicate that the number of people in our region living with diabetes will double in the next two decades,” said Dr. Peter Dorman, president of the American University of Beirut. “At AUB, we recognize that inaction on our part is unthinkable when we have the capacity to counter the region’s diabetes epidemic by collaborating on research and education with esteemed partners such as The University of Toledo.”

UT and AUB officials recently signed a memorandum of understanding for a collaboration between the two entities in which faculty and staff at UT Medical Center will use their experience in the UT Center for Diabetes and Endocrine Research to help

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## They've moved: Several offices relocate during summer

By Meghan Cunningham

**R**ocket Hall will look different to faculty, staff and students returning to The University of Toledo.

The College of Adult and Lifelong Learning is now located in Rocket Hall Suite 1300, which previously housed the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

The college office suite is a one-stop shop for adult students with success coaches, academic advisers, prior learning assessment and the Office of Adult Student Extended Services. The Military Service Center will move to the suite in September. The dean's office is now located in Rocket Hall Room 1060.

Undergraduate Admission moved to Libbey Hall in July with offices on the third and fourth floors. The second floor, which had been used as a dining area for banquets and events, remains a gathering place for the UT community.

The International Admission Office also moved during the summer and is located in Snyder Memorial Room 1060 to better align with other services for international students.

The MyPIC Office run by Auxiliary Services for meal plans, parking permits, IDs and Rocket Wireless cellular services moved from Rocket Hall to Student Union Room 1570 with the opening of the new Rocky's Technology Center. The center is located where the UT Bookstore previously had been and sells the latest gadgets and games, including Apple products.

Auxiliary Services will maintain a satellite office in Rocket Hall during the first week of classes to assist students with meal plans, parking permits and ID cards for the beginning of the academic year.

YouCollege is now located in Rocket Hall Rooms 1830 and 1840. In addition to the college's academic advisers and success coaches, the location includes the Department of Exploratory Studies and the High School Outreach Initiatives Office.

Another office that moved during the summer was Human Resources and Talent Development, which relocated from the Transportation Center on Main Campus to Academic Services Center Room 1000 on the Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation.

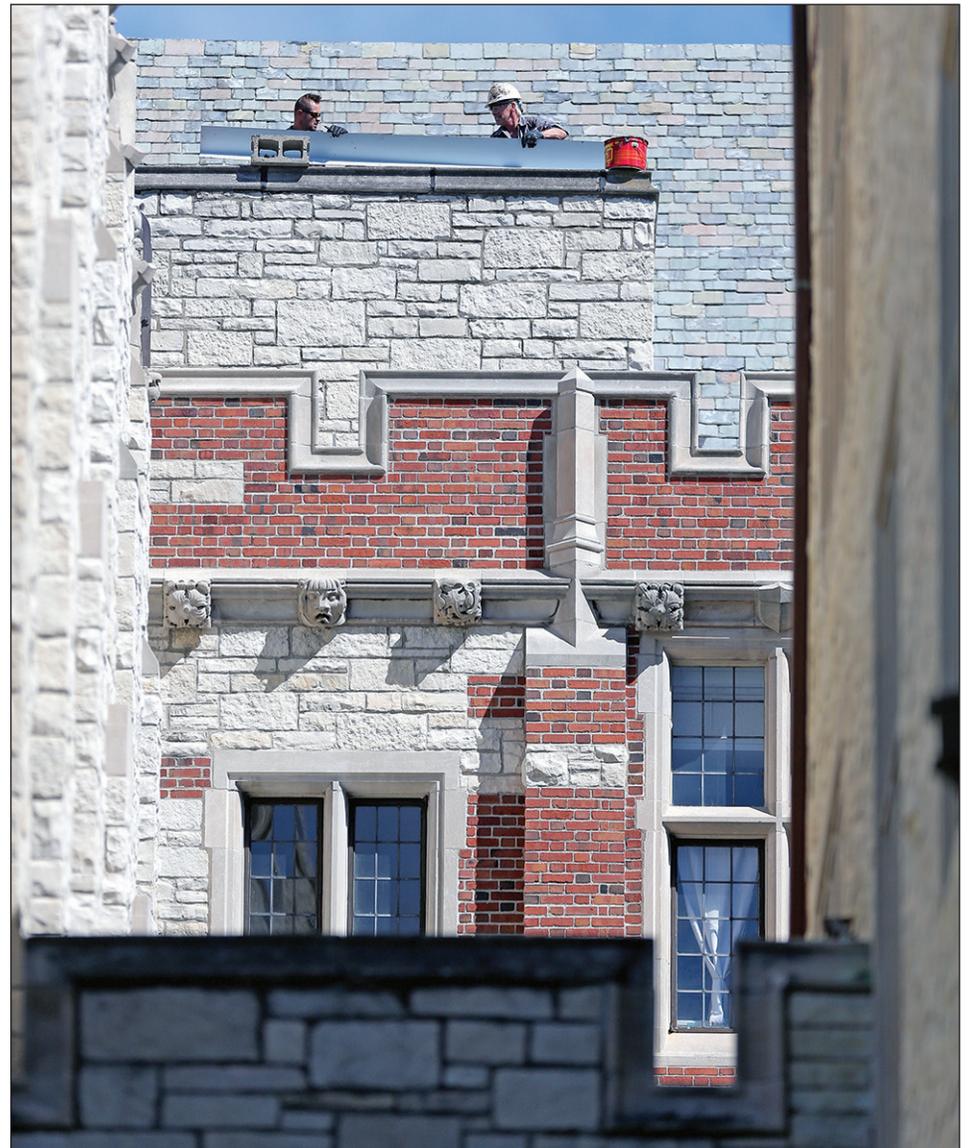


Photo by Daniel Miller

**UP ON THE ROOF:** Workers from E. Lee Construction Inc., Delphos, Ohio, tarred part of University Hall's roof last week. Crews are expected to finish the project in September.



**ON THE MOVE:** Isaiah Graham, who is from Washington, D.C., was one of many students who rolled onto Main Campus last week and moved into the residence halls.

Photo by Daniel Miller

## Rockets win MAC Institutional Academic Achievement Award for highest GPA second straight year

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo has been named the winner of the 2012-13 Mid-American Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award.

For the academic year, UT's 358 student-athletes posted an overall athletic grade point average of 3.200. It is the second straight year that the Rockets have won the award.

"We are very proud that our student-athletes received the MAC Institutional Academic Award for the second consecutive year," said UT Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O'Brien. "Earning this honor in each of the last two years is an indication of the consistent determination of our student-athletes to excel in the classroom."

This honor is also shared by the coaches, classroom instructors and the student athletic academic services staff who all work so hard in mentoring and nurturing our student-athletes."

The MAC Institutional Academic Achievement Award is presented annually to the conference institution that achieves the highest overall school GPA for student-athletes competing in institutionally sponsored sports for the academic year.

The top three MAC schools by GPA are:

1. Toledo — 3.200 GPA
2. Western Michigan — 3.158 GPA
3. Miami — 3.139 GPA

## In memoriam

**Dr. Abid A. Al-Marayati**, Toledo, professor emeritus of political science, died July 29 at age 81. He joined the UT faculty in 1968. Over the years, he served as chair of the Department of Political Science and as director of the Center for International Studies. In 1982, Al-Marayati received one of the University's Outstanding Teacher Awards. He served as a visiting professor and guest lecturer around the world, including in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Australia, New Zealand and China. The native of Iraq was a scholar on the Middle East and wrote several papers and articles; he was the author and co-author of the books *A Diplomatic History of Modern Iraq*, *Middle Eastern Constitutions* and *Electoral Laws and The Middle East: Its Governments and Politics*.

**Dr. Miles P. Hacker**, Sylvania, professor of pharmacology, died June 14 at age 66. A UT faculty member for more than 10 years, he received the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences' Professor of the Year Award, an honor indicative of the admiration students had for him. Hacker was one of the authors of the textbook titled *Pharmacology: Principles and Practice*. An adviser for the college's Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program, he was instrumental in establishing it and developing its curriculum. Hacker also made contributions toward the establishment of the doctoral degree in experimental therapeutics. Among his research accomplishments, Hacker developed pixantrone, a cancer medication that inhibits DNA synthesis of cancer cells, contributing to the field of cancer research and treatment worldwide.

**Dr. Joseph P. Moran Jr.**, Jackson, Mich., died July 30 at age 97. He was a clinical associate in surgery from 1969 to 1980, when he was named clinical assistant professor of surgery, a position he held until being appointed clinical associate professor in 1987. Moran was affiliated with MCO through 1989.

## Intern in Ohio connects thousands of students with hundreds of employers

By Courtney Ingersoll

A free web-based program connecting students and employers through an online matching system has been flourishing during the summer months throughout Ohio thanks to The University of Toledo.

Combining statewide career resources and a growing network of opportunities, Intern in Ohio acts as a comprehensive internship and career aid, and is being used by 350 companies.

Intern in Ohio matches college students with internship opportunities by using classroom to career technology. Digerati, an engineering company in Detroit, uses an advanced matching algorithm that connects employers and internship-seekers based on skills, interests and the requirements of the position.

Since the initial launch March 18, there have been nearly 600 opportunities posted by companies throughout the state. Colleges including the University of Findlay and the University of Cincinnati also are users of Intern in Ohio, with 2,500 students having registered, and large increases expected as fall semesters resume.

Partnering with Digerati, The University of Toledo brought this resource to not only UT, but also the state.

"Intern in Ohio provides necessary infrastructure to scale internships as a key tool to developing a robust work force in the state," said Dr. Scott Scarborough, provost

and executive vice president for academic affairs.

The goal for Intern in Ohio is to reduce the so-called "brain drain" in Ohio as young people move away after graduation for careers elsewhere. Research shows that internships often lead to full-time employment offers upon graduation and that students are likely to remain in the area where they performed internships.

Intern in Ohio was designed to engage both students and employers. Unlike other online job sites, it is free for both parties to use. Students have the ability to find experiential learning opportunities across the state by using what they know, not who they know, to be matched and hired into an internship. Employers profit from being exposed to the best talent for the needs of the position.

"It is our mission to get every UT student registered to use this free tool to help enhance his or her learning and preparation for the workplace during their time at The University of Toledo," said Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs.

Faculty and advisers also are encouraged to use the system to assist students seeking experiential learning opportunities.

To register and for more information, visit [interninohio.com](http://interninohio.com).



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to Music Fest to perform songs from his most recent *Doin' the D* album and other favorites. He will be joined on stage by The Motor City Horns, which tout themselves as "Detroit's most versatile musicians" and have performed with Bob Seger, The Temptations, Justin Timberlake and The Four Tops.

Country singer Josh Gracin, who was first introduced to the world as the country-singing U.S. Marine in the second season of "American Idol," will perform at 7:30 p.m. His hit songs include "Nothin' to Lose,"

"We Weren't Crazy" and "Stay With Me (Brass Bed)."

The ska-punk band Reel Big Fish will take the stage at 9 p.m. with its high-energy music. Best known for songs "Sell Out" and "Take on Me," the band last year released the album *Candy Coated Fury*, which is its seventh studio album and first in five years.

At 10:30 p.m. The White Panda will conclude the festival.

For more information about Music Fest 2013, visit [utoledo.edu/musicfest](http://utoledo.edu/musicfest) or follow the event on Facebook at [facebook.com/UTMusicFest](http://facebook.com/UTMusicFest).

## Diabetes research

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create a similar center at AUB: the Middle East Diabetes Research Center.

“The American University of Beirut is the Harvard of the Middle East,” said Dr. Sonia M. Najjar, UT professor and director of the Center for Diabetes and Endocrine Research. “For the AUB administration to choose us as their partner in this quest speaks a lot of our international position in diabetes research and their trust in our commitment to guide them in this process. My challenge is to meet these expectations while facing financial and regional limitations.”

The cause is particularly important for Najjar, who is originally from Lebanon and has been working toward this collaboration for nearly two decades. As a postdoctoral fellow in the Diabetes Branch at the National Institute of Health in 1993, she met Dr. Ibrahim Salti, a former deputy president of AUB and its current chief of endocrinology, and began discussing the need to develop a strong diabetes research base in the Middle East.

After she began working at UTM, then the Medical College of Ohio, she founded the Center for Diabetes and Endocrine Research in 2006. One year later, she met the current dean of the AUB College of Medicine, Dr. Mohamed H. Sayegh, when he came from Harvard Medical School as an invited seminar speaker to deliver a lecture at UT.

She told him about the center at UT and her goals of a similar center at AUB, beginning the process of assessing what resources they had at AUB and what they

still needed to build a solid diabetes research base there.

Najjar has been working with UT colleagues Dr. Dan Johnson, president emeritus, and Dr. Kristopher Brickman, associate professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine, and the deans of the medical colleges and the presidents of both institutions to initiate these efforts in developing the Middle East Diabetes Research Center at AUB, but there is still much to do.

Her plan in the first five years is to develop a PhD program in cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, modeled after the successful UT program, which she headed during its inception in 2007. To do this, she plans to bring one faculty member and one predoctoral student from AUB to UT each year for training and to generate collaborative studies of shared interest between scientists from both institutions.

By training individuals at UT who then can take their knowledge back to AUB, Najjar hopes to help establish a self-sustained and well-equipped diabetes center.

“It means a lot to me that I will be able to help develop in the Middle East an internationally recognized American-style research center that will lead diabetes research in that region in which diabetes incidence and severity are climbing,” Najjar said. “It would be a dream come true to stem the spread of this devastating disease



Photo by Vince DiGuglielmo

**COLLABORATION ON:** Dr. Peter Dorman, president of the American University of Beirut, left, and UT President Lloyd Jacobs signed a memorandum of understanding for a collaboration between the two schools so faculty and staff at UT Medical Center and the UT Center for Diabetes and Endocrine Research will help create the Middle East Diabetes Research Center.

by bringing the best of the U.S. medical system to that region.”

Najjar said UT is an ideal partner for AUB, partly because of a large Middle Eastern-American population in the Toledo and Michigan region. This partnership will establish the right infrastructure for scientists from both institutions to collaborate in identifying the genetic and environmental factors that lead to the more dramatic spread of diabetes in the Middle East.

“We have here in our area a large Middle Eastern-American community that derives from the same genetic pool as that in the Middle East, but manifests a milder form of diabetes and a relatively delayed onset of its complications,” Najjar

explained. “It makes one question whether there are environmental factors that cause differences in the manifestation of the disease between the U.S. and the Middle East.”

UT also benefits from the partnership by expanding its research on diabetes and endocrinology, and elevating the UT Center for Diabetes and Endocrine Research on a global scale.

“I want to see The University of Toledo relevant internationally,” said Brickman, who also serves as the head of the UT Global Health Office. “Collaboration between the U.S. and the Middle East based on establishing a diabetes research and education center at AUB would accomplish that goal.”

## LifeLine Response

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Designated contacts such as friends, family and co-workers also can be added to the application to be informed when LifeLine EDU is activated and give your real-time location.

The application is free to all UT students, faculty and staff when they sign up with their University email addresses. Download LifeLine EDU at [lresponse.com/download\\_edu.html](https://lresponse.com/download_edu.html).

Peter Cahill, who founded LifeLine Response, said he developed the app to make people feel safe and get them help as fast as possible.

“It’s good for students who are walking on campus late at night from classes or to

the gym,” he said. “We saw a void in the marketplace for a serious personal safety application; I designed this app specifically to prevent violent crimes and sexual assault.

When people find themselves in crisis situations where they often cannot think clearly, LifeLine Response takes human error out of the equation by automatically initiating a distress alert. Police have arrived at the scene in as fast as 69 seconds.”

The LifeLine EDU app is the latest in a series of safety initiatives by campus police.

Last year the Text-a-Tip service created an additional tool for people to provide non-emergency information to the UT Police Department by using the smart code 69050

and keyword UTPD followed by a text with their tip. That tool is not best for emergencies, but allows people to conveniently pass along information to police.

The UT ALERT system also uses mobile phones to provide emergency notifications to students, faculty and staff. Sign up for the service at <https://stuweb00.utoledo.edu/redalert/> to receive text messages in the event of canceled classes and campus emergencies.

The UT Police Department also keeps an updated website at [police.utoledo.edu](https://police.utoledo.edu) and is active on Facebook, posting the latest safety information and bulletins.

The University has made significant investments in LED campus lighting, fire

signaling, card access to campus buildings, and video surveillance. UT also offers a variety of safety services such as campus Night Watch, providing students a safe escort during the evening hours.



Scan the QR code with your smart phone to download the LifeLine Response EDU app.

## First Weeks events slated for students

**S**tudents: Ready to get involved? It's time to make new friends and learn about the University during UT's First Weeks events.

Several events organized by the Division of Student Affairs' Office of Student Involvement and the Office of Residence Life are scheduled to welcome students to campus.

This year's events include:

### MONDAY AND TUESDAY, AUG. 19 AND 20

- Welcome Station Launch Pads, 8 a.m., various areas across Main Campus. Administrators, faculty and staff will be on hand to answer questions and hand out water bottles and gifts while supplies last.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21

- Student Organization Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Centennial Mall. There's an organization for everyone; see for yourself! Get involved!

### TUESDAY, AUG. 27

- President's Backyard BBQ and Luau, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Centennial Mall. Have a free lunch and meet UT President Lloyd Jacobs!

### SATURDAY, AUG. 31

- Rocket to the Point, 8:45 a.m., meet at Transportation Center for a trip to Cedar Point. For \$20, you can ride a bus to the amusement park and receive a park ticket. Space is limited; tickets on sale at Rocket Copy in the Student Union.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

- Meet the Rho Gammas, 4 to 7 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Women signed up for sororities will be placed in groups for recruitment week activities.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

- Music Fest, 3 p.m. to midnight, lawn south of Memorial Field House. Taking the stage this year: Reel Big Fish, The White Panda, Josh Gracin, The Contours featuring Sylvester Potts, Alexander Zonjic with The Motor City Horns, and The Lonely Friends. A pep rally will take place at 5:30 p.m. to psyche up for the Rockets' first home football game versus Eastern Washington Saturday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Glass Bowl.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

- President's Tailgate, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., tent near Rocket Hall and University Parks Trail. Meet UT President Lloyd Jacobs, play some games for a chance to win prizes, eat some free food, and listen to music before the UT-Eastern Washington football game.
- UT vs. Eastern Washington, 7 p.m., Glass Bowl. Students are admitted free with their Rocket ID; faculty and staff can buy tickets half off with ID; \$25.

For more information on these events, go to [utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/osi](http://utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/osi).



## Toledo Pride Nite Glo 5K set for Aug. 23

By Casey Cheap

**T**he Toledo Pride Nite Glo 5K will be held Friday, Aug. 23, at 8:30 p.m. on Centennial Mall on The University of Toledo's Main Campus.

The 5K will start and finish on the mall between the Student Union and University Hall.

Each participant will receive a glow stick and other swag, and a free sub from Jimmy John's upon completion of the race. Pita Pit will have water stations on the course.

In addition, a One-Mile Fun Run, Walk or Roll will begin shortly after the 5K.

Individual registration for the 5K is \$18 per person. A discount rate of \$15 per person is available to those with a team of five to 10 people.

The Toledo Road Runners will time the race. An awards presentation will begin after the run and walk are over, and the top three male and female participants will be honored.

T-shirt and packet pickup and the in-person registration will take place at 7 p.m.

Parking will be available in area 10 off Stadium Drive near Savage Arena.

For more information on the race, registration and the course route, visit <http://utole.do/niteglo2013>.

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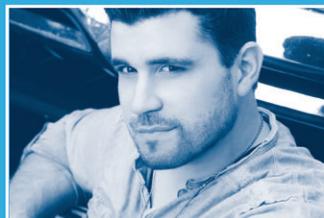
**The Contours featuring Sylvester Potts**  
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.



**Pep Rally**  
5:30 – 6 p.m.



**Alexander Zonjic with The Motor City Horns**  
6 – 7 p.m.



**Josh Gracin**  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



**Reel Big Fish**  
9 – 10 p.m.



**The White Panda**  
10:30 – 11:30 p.m.

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**LET IT FLOW:** Under the close supervision of Dave Derrick from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dave Hails of Ecological Restoration Inc. carefully placed cover stone for the fish habitat structures installed as part of the recently completed river restoration along the Ottawa River on Main Campus. "This phase focused on aquatic improvements, including adding large rocks and logs to mimic natural water flow and get a ripple effect in the water," said Dr. Patrick Lawrence, professor and chair of the Department of Geography and Planning, and chair of the President's Commission on the River. "Adding these natural materials will also make for more diversity to the aquatic habitat, giving fish and other aquatic organisms more places for nesting, spawning, food and shelter." The restoration work for the 2,700 feet of the waterway that runs through Main Campus was funded with a \$235,000 grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and a \$151,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The project also involved the assistance of Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, EnviroScience and Partners for Clean Streams.

Photo by Daniel Miller

## New interim student conduct officer focuses on pre-emptive education

By Cynthia Nowak

"What I really want students to understand deeply is this: Making mistakes doesn't mean that they're bad people."

So said Mary Martinez of the Office of Residence Life when she assumed her new responsibilities as interim student conduct officer. Added Martinez, who's been with the University since 2009 — most recently as a residence hall director — "We all make bad choices, but those can often turn into great teachable moments."

In her new position, Martinez, who prior to joining UT held positions in residence life with Michigan State University, is responsible for overseeing and administering the UT Student Code of Conduct. Her main focus, though, is the issue Martinez sees as central to student conduct: education.

"We want to educate students on the code of conduct they can follow to avoid ever meeting me," she said with a smile.

"One of our areas of focus will be honor and getting the word out about the concept: What does it mean to be an honorable person, an honorable student? Your choices and decisions might not be the best for a situation, yet you can still be an honorable person, and keep from making poor decisions in the future."

"We are extremely excited about Mary moving into this role," said Virginia Speight, director of residence life. "Mary's approach of proactive education — introducing the concept of student honor and ownership — fits well with our priorities of enhancing the student experience and ensuring that we are focused on student centeredness in all areas of our office."

"These education efforts will enable students to better understand and embrace the Student Code of Conduct."

Noting the diversity of the University's student population, Martinez added that all

members of the campus community have a role to play in ensuring positive conduct and a successful student experience.

"To help ensure our education efforts reach their mark, we strive to work with students where they're at. Mutual understanding and respect are keys to effective education," she said.

"But it's not an effort that's confined to the Office of Student Conduct. It's a responsibility where the entire University needs to be involved — hall directors, teaching assistants, professors, senior administration. We all need to meet students where they're at and educate them from there."

"That's the best way to help them reach greatness."

Information about the Student Code of Conduct can be found at [utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/conduct](http://utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/conduct).



Martinez

# Ohio Department of Health director holds town hall meeting at UT to promote healthy living

By Casey Cheap

The University of Toledo hosted Dr. Ted Wymyslo, director of the Ohio Department of Health, for one of his town hall meetings being held across the state to discuss how to improve the health of Ohioans.

Wymyslo gave a two-hour presentation titled "Coming Together to Transform Health in Ohio" Aug. 8 in the Collier Building on Health Science Campus.

Welcoming remarks were given by David Grossman, the health commissioner of the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, who introduced Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, chancellor, executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

Gold opened the health-care discussion by addressing the critical relationships between community health and wellness, and the education of health-care professionals.

"The evolving national focus on the accountability of the health professions community has become increasingly important," Gold said. "It is no longer only about the individual patient relationship, but increasingly about how physicians, nurses and others take responsibility for the overall wellness of the communities they serve. This is why Dr. Wymyslo's presentation is so important."

Wymyslo, who was introduced by Dr. Linda French, UT professor and chair of the Family Medicine Department, told the audience that in order to curb health-care costs and improve the quality of health care, Ohio needs a strategic plan to curb tobacco use, reduce obesity, and decrease infant mortality rates, among other goals.

Ohio is an "outlier" in these areas in the country, according to Wymyslo, usually ending up in the bottom half of states. The state is 47th in overall infant mortality rate in the country and 38th among white children and 49th among black children.

"It's shocking when we have seven huge medical centers in Ohio," Wymyslo said. "We are making this one of our top priorities to correct."

In order to combat high infant mortality rates, the state has launched the Progesterone Prematurity Prevention Project, Only Ohio, and the Safe Sleep Campaign.

Obesity prevention also is a priority for the state in the coming years, Wymyslo said, as obesity has been linked to diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, arthritis and depression. Ohio is ranked 38th in the nation for obesity, with 33 percent of adults overweight and 30 percent obese, Wymyslo said.

Early childhood obesity specifically will be targeted as well, with a focus on encouraging physical activity, healthier menus, and healthy habits from a young age.

Ohio has the seventh highest rate of tobacco usage among adults, is 11th in deaths attributed to smoking, and has the fifth highest youth smoking rate in the nation. The state wants to help Ohioans quit smoking, prevent residents from starting to smoke, and protect them from second-hand smoke.

Wymyslo said his goal is for "every Ohioan to have an established relationship with a personal health-care provider in a system focused on making health decisions that promote wellness and achieve high value."

He and his staff answered several questions and then toured the UT Simulation Center with Dr. Pamela Boyers, vice chancellor and director of the Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center, and a former colleague. The director commented on the role of using simulation to make patient care "more standardized and much safer."

Wymyslo's presentation is available online at [www.odh.ohio.gov](http://www.odh.ohio.gov) on the town hall tour page.



Photo by Cameron Norton

Dr. Ted Wymyslo, director of the Ohio Department of Health, held one of 10 town hall meetings on promoting health across the state on UT's Health Science Campus.

# UTMC to celebrate recent awards, start of new academic year Aug. 22 and 23

By Susan Ross Wells

Faculty, staff, residents and students will gather Thursday, Aug. 22, to celebrate the many awards and recognitions received by The University of Toledo Medical Center during the past year.

The gathering also will serve as a special welcome to new students and residents.

The celebratory picnic lunch will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a recognition presentation at noon.

“This recognition of the exceptional care provided by The University of Toledo Medical Center’s specialists reinforces the value of a true academic medical center in our community. University-quality care means taking on the most complex medical problems and offering the best patient outcomes,” said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, chancellor, executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. “We want to sincerely thank our staff and welcome all of our new health professions learners to UT.”

The recent awards for Toledo’s only academic medical center include:

- Ranking for a third consecutive year by U.S. News and World Report as one of the Toledo metro area’s best hospitals, recognized in six specialties: geriatrics, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology, and urology.
- Designation by Truven Health Analytics (J.D. Power and Associates) as a Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospital. The 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals is an annual, quantitative study that identifies the nation’s best providers of cardiovascular service. Selected from more than 1,000 U.S. hospitals, these winners provide top-notch care and set new standards for the health-care industry.
- Recognition by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation Healthcare Equality Index as a 2013 Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality. UTMC earned top marks for its commitment to equitable, inclusive care for LGBT patients and their families, who can face significant challenges in securing adequate health care.
- Get With the Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus Award from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. UTMC also qualified for recognition on the Target: Stroke Honor Roll. The University of Toledo Medical Center is part of an elite group of hospitals recognized by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for dedicated treatment of stroke patients according to evidenced-based guidelines.
- Gold Award from the Ohio Hospital Association for high achievement in its Organ Donation Champion initiative. UTMC’s April organ donation awareness campaign in partnership with Life Connection of Ohio included social media, posters, brochures, a flag-raising ceremony, informational tables, green chair campaign, screen savers and table tents in the Four Seasons Bistro.

The celebration also will include an evening meal that will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. and a breakfast served in the Four Seasons Bistro Friday, Aug. 23, from 7 to 9 a.m. to recognize employees who work other shifts.



**FUTURE DOCTORS IN:** Some 175 medical students received their white coats and recited the pledge of ethics at a recent ceremony. The annual event is a rite practiced at medical schools across the country as a way to welcome students to the clinical aspects of medical practice and impress upon them the importance of professionalism and humanism in the field of medicine.

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**Thursday, August 22**

Mulford Library Patio

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 4 – 6 p.m.

Live Music by: ABC Band

**Friday, August 23**

Four Seasons Bistro

7 – 9:30 a.m.



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## UT library online resource recognized

By Samantha Watson

One of the digital collections of The University of Toledo Libraries has been recognized as noteworthy. Each week, the Internet Scout Research Group releases The Scout Report: a list of the research collections with the best content, authority, information maintenance, presentation, availability and cost. UT's Downtown Toledo Associates Records were featured in the July 5 report.

"It is nice to know that our work is getting recognized," said Arjun Sabharwal, UT digital initiatives librarian. "It's another opportunity for us to show what we have to offer."

These records, cared for by the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections for more than three decades, detail the Downtown Toledo Associates from 1955 to 1978. The goal of the association was to clean up downtown Toledo and revitalize the area.

The records were featured in the Canaday Center's "Wholly Toledo: The Business and Industry That Shaped the City," which was on display in the center from November 2010 to November 2011. A digital version of the exhibit can be seen at [libraryexhibits.utad.utoledo.edu/WTX](http://libraryexhibits.utad.utoledo.edu/WTX).

This is the second Scout Report that included a UT resource; the other was Toledo's Attic — Toledo's and northwest Ohio's virtual museum with a focus on the region's commercial, industrial and social history from the late 19th to early 20th centuries. It is available at [toledosattic.org](http://toledosattic.org).

To search the Toledo Downtown Associates Records, visit <http://utole.do/downtownassociates> or access the entire collection at the Canaday Center, located on the fifth floor of Carlson Library on UT's Main Campus.



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**THANK-YOU LUNCH:** Kathy Diegel, left, Carylton Anteau and Matt Wise, all of Information Technology, were three of many who stopped by the Employee Appreciation lunch Friday. Human Resources and Talent Development hosted the event.

## Theatre auditions slated for Aug. 26-27

By Angela Riddell

The University of Toledo Department of Theatre and Film will hold auditions for its fall plays Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 26 and 27, in the Center for Performing Arts Studio Theatre.

The department will be casting for:

- "Fox Hunt" and "Strip Tease,"

two one-act political satires from Polish playwright Slawomir Mrozek. The plays will be performed back to back in the same performance Friday through Sunday, Oct. 11-13, and Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 17-20.

• "Out to Lunch," a comedy written by Joseph Langham. This play will be performed Friday through Sunday, Nov. 15-17, and Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 21-24.

Auditions are open to all.

Sign-up sheets are posted outside the Theatre and Film Department office, located in Center for Performing Arts Room 1030.

Audition preparation information can be found at <http://utole.do/auditions>.

For more information, call the Department of Theatre and Film at 419.530.2202.

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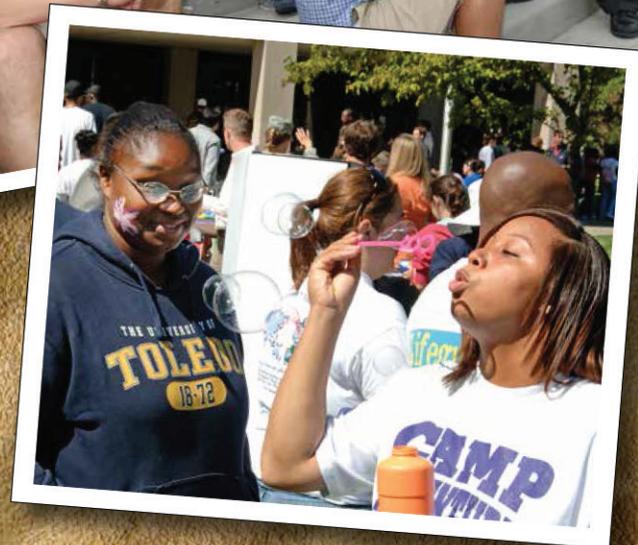
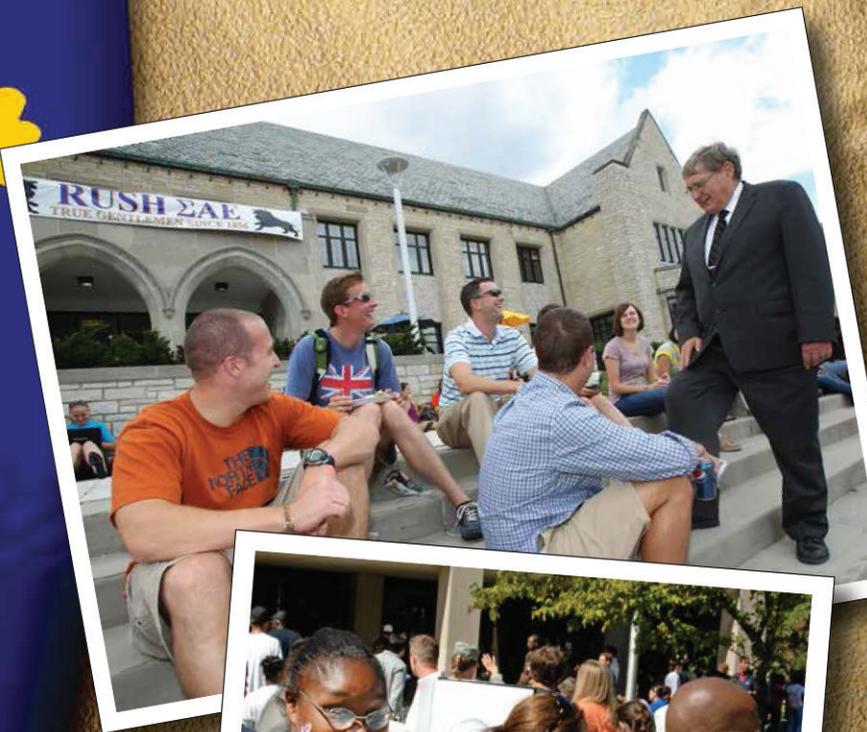
There were several errors in a story that was published May 28 about William Pierce being selected as an Emerging Leader by the African American Legacy Project. Bernadette Graham is the program coordinator with the African American Legacy Project; Tracee Ellis serves on the nonprofit organization's Legends Luncheon Committee. Pierce, interim director of undergraduate admission, is one of eight who will be honored as a 2013 Emerging Leader during the African American Legacy Project's annual Legends Weekend Oct. 4-5.

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