Wallenberg Award recipient helps educate fellow future physicians about women’s health concerns

By Samantha Watson

A graduate of a liberal, all-girl high school, Avneet Singh received indepth sex education; when she went to college, she was shocked that some of her classmates were misinformed.

She spent much of her time during her undergraduate studies at Case Western Reserve University dispelling myths her peers had about contraception and abortion, two hot political topics. Now as a second-year medical student at The University of Toledo, Singh is continuing this mission on a broader scale.

“What really hit me was when I went to medical school and I started to see how much medical misinformation is out there and seeing it from the perspective of a student,” Singh said. “I feel like it’s my duty as a future physician to make sure people knew the facts rather than just their religious or political views.”

Because of her passion and dedication to this cause, Singh is the recipient of the 2013-14 UT Wallenberg Award. The honor is given to those who showcase commitment to and passion for serving others, and Singh was chosen by a committee of six members, including UT alumnus Robert Karp, who made the original donation to make this award possible.

Singh has spent much of her free time volunteering for clinics such as Planned Parenthood and the former Center for Choice. Last fall, she canvassed door to door for Planned Parenthood, talking with people about sensitive women’s health issues and lobbying for low-cost health clinics.

“I see what happens when you don’t have access to health care or access to contraception or access to an abortion service,” Singh said. “I feel like it’s my duty as a future physician to make sure people knew the facts rather than just their religious or political views.”

UT services in palm of your hand with new myUT Mobile app

Students now have the entire University at their fingertips with the new free myUT Mobile app. The app, available for iPhones, iPads, and Android phones and tablets, was created by the Information Technology Department and recently released. All features of the app were suggested by students to help them with their daily experiences at UT.

“We’re very proud of the app because it is what the students wanted,” said Godfrey Ovwigho, vice president for information technology. “Students were involved in the design, development and testing of the app from the beginning to the end, so I feel very good about it.”

By using the app, students instantaneously can access bus routes, job opportunities, events and more. Campus maps also are available — but more than that, students can get walking directions to their classrooms simply by accessing their schedule.

Students also can find campus news from UT News, UToday, University Journals, YouTube and The Independent Collegian. They can see top stories, as this article continues on page 2.

First week

ROCKIN’! Tim Schlachter, a freshman majoring in nursing, posed for a photo by the spirit rock on the first day of classes.

QUIET MOMENT: Abigail Hooley found a spot to read on Centennial Mall last week. The freshman majoring in information systems was reading a chapter in her English book, The Call to Write.
Night Watch escort service an option for late-night students

By Cynthia Nowak

It’s late. The sun’s long since set, and UT is quiet. A lone student needs to reach a campus destination but feels uncomfortable making the trip solo.

Not an issue. Night Watch — the UT escort service that’s been providing safety and security for students for more than 20 years — is just a quick phone call away.

A program operated and manned by UT students with ongoing support and weekly input from The University of Toledo Police Department (UTPD), Night Watch utilizes two-student patrol teams that provide escorts to locations on Main, Health Science and Scott Park campuses. Off-campus destinations in the immediate area are covered as well, including Olde Towne University Square Apartments.

From any University phone, students requesting an escort can call 3024, or 419.530.3024 from an outside line. Calls go directly to the Night Watch office, where escort teams are dispatched.

“The teams are normally doing their regular patrols, providing extra eyes for safety and security,” explained Lt. Charles Williams, UTPD officer. “Once the team arrives, they will either walk the student to the desired location or use the car if distance or inclement weather warrants.

Night Watch is available Sunday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. The service also operates a substation in the hallway of Carlson Library Sunday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to midnight. On Friday and Saturday, the Night Watch office is open from 7 to 10 p.m.

A recent innovation is intended particularly for freshmen who park their cars in the gated and secured Lot 21 on the Scott Park Campus, Williams explained. To assist the influx of students who will be coming here as students within a few years, family and friends, Night Watch crews not on runs will be parked at the curb cut near Lot 21, making them visible to students who park there, and available by calling 3024.

If students in Lot 21 don’t have access to a phone, they may go to the Non-Academic Services Building, where they can swipe their Rocket Cards to get into the vestibule and use the phone located on the wall to call the Night Watch office for an escort. A sign above the phone will provide the number.

Night Watch signs are posted at the entrance to Lot 21 and at other strategic locations, Williams said.

“Night Watch is a wonderful peace-of-mind service for our students,” said Dean of Students Tamika Dobbins. “And the Night Watch number — 419.530.3024 — is printed on the back of every student ID card, so it’s always available.”

Williams added, “It’s reassuring for parents as well. My own daughters will be coming here as students within a few years, and it’s comforting to know about Night Watch, whether I’m a part of it or not.”

Thank you

Faculty, staff and students gathered last week at a picnic on Health Science Campus to celebrate several honors UT Medical Center has received and to mark the start of a new semester. During the past year, UTMC was ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the Toledo metro area’s best hospitals, recognized in six specialties designated by Truven Health Analytics (J.D. Power and Associates) as a Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospital; recognized by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation Healthcare Equality Index as a 2013 Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality; and received the Get With the Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus Award from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association and the Gold Award from the Ohio Hospital Association for high achievement in its Organ Donation Champion initiative. The celebration also included two meals for those who work other shifts.

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well as search for news on specific colleges and topics.

“The app is useful to students because it makes their university more accessible,” said Dr. Sammy Spann, assistant provost for international studies and programs.

“We’ve taken all of UT’s best resources and put them in one convenient location.”

Each year improvements will be made to the app to keep it relevant, and the IT staff will use student feedback to see what features should stay, go or be added.
College Colors Day 2013 to be held Aug. 30

By Casey Cheap

Students are encouraged to sport their midnight blue and gold and University of Toledo Rockets gear for College Colors Day, Friday, Aug. 30.

More than 10,000 national, regional and online retailers and hundreds of college bookstores across the country are taking part in the spirited event.

The second annual College Colors Day Spirit Cup competition will be held on Facebook and allow students to pledge their support for their school.

“College Colors Day is a great way for our students to express their UT pride,” said Larry Burns, vice president for external affairs. “The Spirit Cup competition adds a unique element in order to get students more engaged in College Colors Day.”

The contest runs through the night before College Colors Day.

The institution with the most pledges will be named the winner of the College Colors Day Spirit Cup and receive $10,000 for its general scholarship fund.

Those interested in pledging for UT should visit Facebook.com/collegecolorsday.

In memoriam

Robert J. Calkins, Maumee, former UT Medical Center employee, died Aug. 17 at age 66.

Milton E. Martin, Toledo, died Aug. 1 at age 69. He was hired in 1990 and worked as a custodian in University Hall and the Student Union. Martin retired as a maintenance repair worker in 2007.

Paul McCray, Toledo, a former nurse at UT Medical Center, died Aug. 15 at age 61.

Marilyn J. Miller, Toledo, died Aug. 2 at age 71. She joined the UT staff as a secretary in 1976 and worked in the College of Engineering until her retirement in 1997.

Carol K. Finnegan Simpson, Monclova, Ohio, a former UT employee, died Aug. 8 at age 73.

Looking to gain experience putting on music events?

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Music Fest 2013 is Friday, Sept. 13, and we’re looking for students, faculty and staff to volunteer that day! Sign up at http://utoledo.mfhelp or contact Ashley Brady, volunteer coordinator, at ashley.brady@rockets.utoledo.edu.

Huntington Bank to hold grand openings at UT branches

By Casey Cheap

Two new Huntington Bank locations on the University of Toledo Main Campus offer convenient locations for faculty, staff and students, as well as the community.

The new branches at the Gateway at the corner of Dorr Street and Secor Road and inside the Student Union in the food court next to Subway will celebrate grand openings Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. The celebrations at each location will include pizza and prizes, including gift cards.

The Student Union branch has gone from a small access office to a full-service branch, and the Gateway location is brand new, said Shannon Loar, the Toledo regional marketing and communications manager for Huntington Bank.

Loar added that Huntington is putting in two new ATMs, increasing the total across the University system to eight, and offering a Rocket debit card affiliated with customer checking accounts.

“We are committed to ongoing investment in Toledo and all of northwest Ohio,” said David Schamer, who leads the university banking program at Huntington.

“We look forward to continuing to work with the University as it educates the next generation of leaders.”

“We are especially pleased to contribute to the vitality and economic growth of the Gateway neighborhood through the construction of a new branch in its business district,” he said.

The new locations are the result of a five-year deal between UT and Huntington Bank that makes it the preferred bank on campus. The expanded banking program, announced earlier this year, also includes $150,000 in funding from Huntington for UT academic programs and scholarships.

“Huntington has always been a great community partner,” UT President Lloyd Jacobs said. “Our partnership will provide more students with the ability to earn a top-tier education, more convenience for students and staff, and it will increase our students’ knowledge of the way money works and how to use it responsibly.”

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to be able to speak for those people from an educated standpoint.”

Singh also is active in the organization Medical Students for Choice, a group that educates future physicians on these charged subjects from a medical standpoint, without mention of politics or religion. She is on the executive board and hopes to continue educating her classmates on these issues so that they can better serve their future patients.

“It’s easy for people, when they are unprepared for a situation, to tense up and go into commonly used buzzwords,” Singh said. “You stop having an honest conversation. When it comes to things like sex education and abortion, you need to be able to overcome what’s going on in the political world and give the patient the information he or she needs.”

As the recipient of the award, Singh will receive a $1,900 stipend for her education at UT in honor of Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat during World War II who helped rescue more than 100,000 Jews.

“Raoul Wallenberg was an average guy who was called upon to do something for other people, and he did it without having any real connection to those people or the situation,” Singh said. “I think it’s important to give everything I’ve got for my future patients. It’s really flattering to be recognized for that.”
Kara Bruce, UT associate professor of law, is serving as the Robert M. Zinman American Bankruptcy Institute Resident Scholar for fall semester. She is based in American Bankruptcy Institute’s Alexandria, Va., office, and will join an ongoing project to study the reform of business bankruptcy law. She also will assist the institute with its educational programming and in its role as a source of bankruptcy information and analysis for Congress, the media and the public.

“I am delighted to have the opportunity to assist the American Bankruptcy Institute with its important educational and policy work,” Bruce said. “While it would be an honor to work for the American Bankruptcy Institute at any time, I am particularly excited to join the ongoing study of United States Bankruptcy Code Chapter 11 reform.”

Before joining the College of Law faculty, Bruce worked as an attorney in the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Group of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP in Chicago, where she represented clients in complex business reorganizations and commercial litigation matters. She also maintained an active pro bono practice, handling matters in the fields of consumer bankruptcy, immigration and appellate law.

The American Bankruptcy Institute was founded in 1982 to provide Congress and the public with unbiased analysis of bankruptcy issues. The institute membership includes more than 13,000 attorneys, accountants, bankers, judges, professors, lenders, turnaround specialists and other bankruptcy professionals.

By Rachel Phipps

The University of Toledo students are getting real-world experience through a Department of Mathematics and Statistics consulting service.

The Statistical Consulting Service, which has been on campus for 18 years, has been under the direction of Dr. Qin Shao, professor of mathematics, since 2010. Students in Shao’s Statistical Consulting I and II graduate-level courses usually are divided into two or three small teams to do the bulk of the analysis for the clients.

“We have been assisting the UT community on numerous projects,” Shao said. “Biostatistics is a rising science right now. We see a lot of potential for this service.”

Biostatistics involves analyzing any data that comes from human, animal, flora and fauna. Some of the off-campus projects include work for the North American Science Associates Inc. in Northwood, Ohio, and the C. Nelson Manufacturing Co. in Oak Harbor, Ohio.

“The North American Science Associates wanted our students to help them run a statistics software package called R, and we were able to help because a lot of our students are familiar with R from our graduate courses,” Shao said.

On campus, the analysis service has aided students and faculty with projects ranging from studying pediatric post-tonsillectomy hydration and pain to detecting chemical pollution in lakes.

“We want to facilitate research on campus as much as possible,” Shao said, adding the service potentially could be helpful to graduate students.

Students, faculty and staff interested in the statistics and analysis service can submit an online request at http://utoledo.do/stats.

By Casey Cheap

The University of Toledo Medical Center is teaming up with Nightingale’s Harvest, a local nonprofit organization that is holding its Life Drive through Monday, Sept. 30.

Nightingale’s Harvest helps cancer patients and their families ease financial burdens with food distribution and other services while going through cancer treatment.

UT students, faculty and staff interested in donating can take food or everyday items to a collection bin at the Glendale Avenue entrance inside the Eleanor N. Dana Center.

According to the Nightingale’s Harvest website, the organization provides perishable and nonperishable foods, personal hygiene items and home cleaning products for no charge to cancer patients and their families in the Toledo area.

In addition, Nightingale’s Harvest offers nutrition education, as well as fresh produce from its own organic garden to families. Nightingale’s Harvest was started by Lisa Kronbach-Eisenbach in 2011.

“Nightingale’s Harvest would like to recognize Professor Laura Williams [senior lecturer in the UT Department of Management] as an innovative educator partnering with UT students in her classrooms to live and learn with great passion,” said Kronbach-Eisenbach. “The partnership has brought UT students out of the classroom and actively into the business and marketing world of nonprofits.”

Kronbach-Eisenbach added, “Williams has been an educator who encourages UT students to venture out into the community and become partners in social responsibility.”

For more information or ways to help out Nightingale’s Harvest, visit nightingales-harvest.org.

By Casey Cheap

Nightingale’s Harvest serves Toledo cancer patients, families
Rocketman headcovers available from women’s golf program

By Brian DeBenedictis

Get one while they’re hot! The University of Toledo women’s golf program is selling Rocketman headcovers for golf clubs as part of a fundraiser.

“I’m so excited about how our new Rocketman headcovers turned out,” Head Women’s Golf Coach Nicole Hollingsworth said. “They’re the cutest things and the best headcover I’ve ever seen.

“It was a yearlong process from start to finish, but I’m so excited about this product that all Toledo fans will want to purchase,” she said. “This is a great way to support The University of Toledo Women’s Golf Program.”

The cost of a Rocketman headcover is $30. They are available at Rocky’s Locker in Savage Arena, the PIT and Belmont Country Club.

The headcovers also will be available at all UT home football games this season.

INK AND A SMILE: Justice Spicer, left, and Kim Wieland signed up for Camp Adventure during last week’s Student Organization Fair. The sun-drenched mall was packed with students learning about all kinds of organizations and getting involved.

ATTENTION-GETTING EVENT: Cadet Jerod Schoonover watched a cadet take the fast way down after climbing the rock wall during the UT Army ROTC Program’s Fall Kickoff held recently outside the Health Education Center. The informal event was a way for students to learn what the organization has to offer while having fun.
We traveled to Greece this month to play four games and visit several mythological and historical sites. Our trip was a tremendous educational and cultural experience for our entire program. I think all the things we envisioned for this trip really came to fruition. We saw some unbelievable sites, learned a lot about the history of Greece, and experienced a taste of what life was like more than 2,000 years ago.

When you have the opportunity to visit archaeological sites in Corinth and see the theater in Epidavros, and they tell you about how they were built 300 to 400 years before Christ, that’s eye-opening. I was amazed by the Acropolis in Athens, the canal in Corinth, as well as just the overall beauty of the country. Every one of the things we did was well worth our time and energy, and I’m glad we did them all.

It was also interesting for us to interact with people from a different culture, taste different foods, and just see a completely different way of life from what we experience in the United States.

In addition to the cultural and educational aspects of the trip, the third area I wanted to focus on was our team bonding. That was an A-plus as well. I really felt that every day all of our players were spending time with different guys. There were small groups of players spending time with each other on a daily basis, but those groups changed every day. I really think we can build on the chemistry we developed once we begin practice for the upcoming season. It was really great for morale, team chemistry, and certainly for our togetherness.

Basketball was truly secondary on this trip, and our best experience on the court was when we traveled to the small town of Kimi, nearly three hours from Athens. The community there welcomed us with open arms and was genuinely excited to see our American-style basketball. They even cheered us after some of our dunks, and it was great for our players to talk to the fans after the game.

As I look back on our trip, I was extremely proud of how our players represented the University during our time in Greece. All of us are extremely thankful for the support from our administration that made this unique experience possible.

Kowalczyk is the head men’s basketball coach. USA Today and College Sports Madness have selected the Rockets to win the 2014 Mid-American Conference Tournament and advance to the NCAA Tournament.
A once-in-a-lifetime adventure

By Matt Smith

Everybody on the team loved our trip to Greece. We’re still just trying to soak it all in.

I really liked learning about the culture and history of Greece. Trying new foods was a nice experience for me because I’m really picky when it comes to what I eat. I tried to step out of my comfort zone and try all different kinds of food. I’m not even sure of what some of the food I ate was called, but I do know it tasted completely different than American food.

Our sightseeing trips are something we’ll remember the rest of our lives. Whenever you get a chance to visit a place like Corinth or the theater in Epidavros, there’s nothing you can do except be in awe of the history.

I also had a chance to visit with Bill and Carol Koester, two supporters of our program, who joined us on our trip. They are amazing people and it was interesting to hear their stories and how far they’ve come in their lives. It was wonderful to get to know them, and I look forward to staying in touch with them the rest of my life.

I was disappointed not to be able to play in the games, but I really loved watching how hard everyone played and the defensive pressure we put on our opponents. We’re really pushing the ball and that’s completely different from last year. Our increased depth has really changed things.

I’m just real anxious to get out there and be a part of it. I just have to do what I need in order to get healthy, and I can’t wait to be back out on the court in September.

Smith is a senior forward who underwent arthroscopic knee surgery earlier this summer. He is expected to return to the court next month.

Greece excursion helps build team unity

By Angel Aparacio

Greece is very similar to Spain. It’s the same weather and same culture, and this trip really made me feel at home. The only difference was that we were on the Aegean Sea, and Spain is on the Mediterranean Sea.

I came to Greece once before when I was 14 and playing on the Spanish National Team. We just came to Athens to play in a tournament, so I never had a chance to visit Loutraki or Mykonos. I love architecture, so our sightseeing trips were great. Going to see the ancient theater in Epidavros and the archaeological ruins in Corinth was amazing. I had just seen pictures growing up.

I really loved the food, and it was funny to see one of my teammates put ketchup on his calamari. That was crazy!

I also loved swimming and snorkeling. It was awesome. I had only snorkeled once before in Barcelona, and it was very similar.

This trip was good for us as a team to get to know each other better, especially with so many new players. When I tore my ACL, I couldn’t believe it. I felt a little disconnected from the team. But now that I’ve spent so much time with the guys, it makes me feel better. The chemistry on this team is awesome. When I was in Barcelona, it wasn’t like that. Everybody is on the same page here.

Aparacio is a sophomore guard who is a native of Benicarlo, Spain. He tore his ACL during the Rockets’ summer workouts and underwent surgery this month.
Collage, patterns collide, question reality in exhibit

By Kelly McGilvery

“In PANORAMA,” an installation by Natalie Lanese, combines collage and pop patterns to set up narratives that address, oftentimes humorously, the more serious realities of American culture.

Her massive scale patterns transform into a geometric landscape in which the collaged elements create conceptual spaces and confront ideas of image vs. reality, depth and depthlessness.

The exhibition is on display through Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery on the UT Toledo Museum of Art Campus.

“Natalie Lanese’s ‘PANORAMA’ is really something to behold,” said Ben Pond, UT art lecturer and director of the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery. “This painting and collage installation, created particularly for our gallery, has completely transformed the space. The work itself is contained along three walls; however, it alters the gallery in such a significant manner with vibrant color, bold three-dimensional pattern, and both humorous and appetizing collage elements.”

Lanese, a Toledo resident, is an assistant professor of art and gallery director at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Mich.

She recently has exhibited at Jack the Pelican Presents in Brooklyn, N.Y.; the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum in Lincoln, Mass.; Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, Mass.; and the Scope International Art Fair in Basel, Switzerland.

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Students’ art part of ‘Grossology’ at Imagination Station

“More Eyeballs,” “Section of the Neck” and “Relax” are a few of the 11 works of art by UT students on display in “Grossology” at Imagination Station, the hands-on science center in downtown Toledo.

Using the book Gray’s Anatomy as inspiration, students in the Lithography class taught by Arturo Rodriguez, associate professor of art, and the Anatomy class taught by Ben Pond, art lecturer and director of the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery, collaborated on a large, bound book project called Gross Anatomy.

Students used lithography as the basis for their initial drawings and then embellished the pages with additional drawing media.

Two copies of the large book were created, and another series of prints was made for display. One book was donated to Mulford Library on UT’s Health Science Campus, and the other was given to the Toledo Museum of Art library, where it is on view. The project was completed last fall.

Works on display at Imagination Station were created by Alyssa Brown, Stacey Cruzado, Sarah Ermich, David Folck, Lisa Franko, Wes Rucker, Dylan Gallagher, Katie Heft, Dingzhong Hu, Josh Klein and Shirley Mei.

The artwork by UT students can be seen in “Grossology” through Monday, Sept. 2.

For more information about admission and hours of operation, visit imaginationstationtoledo.org.

UNCOVERED WORK: Art by UT students is on display at Imagination Station as part of the “Grossology” exhibit, which continues through Monday, Sept. 2.
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UT Community Charitable Campaign to kick off this week

By Kim Goodin

The University of Toledo Community Charitable Campaign, UTC3 for short, kicks off this week with a goal of pledging $150,000.00 from the campus community.

UTC3 is the University’s annual giving drive offered in tandem with a diverse group of organizations: Community Health Charities of Ohio, Community Shares of Northwest Ohio, Earth Share Ohio and United Way of Greater Toledo.

“Our mission as a University is to help improve the human condition,” said Mike O’Brien, vice president and director of athletics, and this year’s UTC3 chair. “UTC3 is a perfect opportunity to do something that takes very little of our time and yet has a significant impact on many. Together, we can build a stronger community through advocacy, volunteerism and giving to this charitable campaign.”

Last year’s average gift was $25 per person, or about $10 per paycheck. O’Brien hopes that, in addition to retaining faculty, employee and retiree donors from past campaigns, those who haven’t yet contributed to UTC3 will consider giving this year.

“More than 200 local, national and global organizations count on our donations in order to fund vital programs,” O’Brien said. “We all have our favored causes. Whether you champion programs that target hunger, homelessness, environmental concerns, animal causes or others, UTC3 offers an opportunity to support them.”

One of this year’s goals, O’Brien added, is to increase participation. Donation has become more streamlined in recent years, with online pledging a quick and easy alternative to traditional paper pledge forms. Employees soon will receive weekly emails with information linking them to the online pledging system. This year, the emails also will highlight some of the local organizations that benefit from UTC3 pledges; these include the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio, Alliance for the Great Lakes, Hannah’s Socks, Susan G. Komen of Northwest Ohio, Schools as Community Hubs and Green Energy Ohio Electric Vehicle Tour del Sol.

Paper pledges may be turned in to the Foundation Office, 1235L, Main Campus, or Mail Stop 601; Lisa Hasselschwartz, Rocket Hall Room 1200, Main Campus; and Vicki Riddick, Dowling Hall Room 3347, Health Science Campus, or sent to Mail Stop 1084.

Each person who donates will receive a special gift as a token of appreciation. Those who donate $75 or more also will be invited to the UTC3 victory celebration Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Savage Arena Grogan Room.

For more details regarding the UTC3 program, view the upcoming UTNews Inside event Wednesday, Aug. 28, and watch for emails this week.

‘The Relevant University’ to air Aug. 27

By Meghan Cunningham

Tune in to “The Relevant University” Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. on AM 760 WJR.

It’s August and that means back-to-school season. This month, Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs, looks into what’s new for the 2013-14 academic year and how students can make the most of their classroom experiences.

In this month’s episode:

• Dr. Lakiesha Ransom, dean of The University of Toledo Jesup Scott Honors College, talks about new initiatives at the rebranded college for high-achieving students.
• Bernie Gosky, executive director of Intern in Ohio, shares the importance of internships during college.

• Jeff Robinson, director of communications for the Ohio Board of Regents, provides information about the state’s efforts to make higher education accessible and increase the number of college graduates.
• And Dr. Tom Harwood, superintendent of Grosse Pointe Public Schools, discusses the importance of focusing on a college education from the first day of high school.

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Toledo's 2013 seniors have a lot to be proud of. They are the class that has returned the Rockets to the elite of the Mid-American Conference.

When they came in as freshmen in 2010, UT had just suffered through its third straight losing season. Fast-forward to 2013, and all of that has changed. The Rockets have gone 26-13 in the past three years, with three winning seasons and three bowl appearances. Toledo's MAC record over that span is 20-4.

And yet the seniors’ biggest goal — and the goal of the entire football program — has yet to be reached. This class of Rockets won’t be completely satisfied until it hoists the MAC Championship trophy in Detroit’s Ford Field. “At the end of the day, our goals remain the same,” said UT Head Coach Matt Campbell. “We want to win the MAC West Division, win the MAC Championship Game, go to a bowl game, and get our team GPA to as close to a 3.0 as possible. But to get there, we need to focus on the process. We need to work hard at getting better every day. That’s the only way I know how to reach your goals.”

Toledo definitely has the talent to reach the top in 2013. The Rockets return 16 starters, including an offense that is brimming with talent.

Senior wide receiver/return specialist Bernard Reedy is among five All-MAC players lining up on offense. Reedy caught 88 passes and scored four times on special teams in 2012. He is complemented at wide-out by sophomore Alonzo Russell, a 6-4 athlete who caught 56 passes as a freshman.

In the backfield, senior David Fluellen rushed for 1,498 yards last year, despite missing one game and most of another due to injuries. And leading the troops up front are senior center Zac Kerin and junior guard Greg Mancz.

The key to the offense could be senior quarterback Terrance Owens, who has 17 starts to his credit over the last three years. Owens battled a pair of ankle injuries in the second half of 2012; he is healthy again and looking to repeat the monster season he had in 2011 when he set the MAC record by completing 72.2 percent of his passes.

The biggest question that remains is the defense. Campbell must find a way to adjust to the loss of eight starters, including the nation’s leading tackler in 2012, linebacker Dan Molls.

On the plus side, the Rockets return six players who had at least 30 tackles in 2012, as well as a group of talented newcomers who could elevate the level of play on the defensive side of the ball. Top returnees include junior All-MAC cornerback Cheatham Norrils and senior defensive end Christian Smith.

“I really like the players we have on the defensive side of the ball,” Campbell said. “This is a hungry group that has been waiting for their chance. I think people will be surprised at just how talented we are on defense this year.”

In its first 92 seasons of football, The University of Toledo never played a school from the Southeastern Conference. That will change in a big way.

The Rockets will begin their 2013 football season playing not one, but two games against SEC foes. Toledo opens with road contests at Florida and Missouri, undoubtedly the toughest opening assignment in school history.

“Our schedule is very challenging, particularly at the start of the season, but we are looking forward to it,” Campbell said. “Not only do we travel to Florida and Missouri, but we open at home against a very good Eastern Washington team (Sept. 14), then play two conference road games at Central Michigan and Ball State. I know our players will rise to meet the challenge.”

Toledo’s season opener is Saturday, Aug. 31, against a Florida team that finished the season with an 11-2 record, ranked No. 9 in the AP poll and No. 10 in the USA Today coaches poll. The game will be televised in the Toledo market on WMNT’s MyNetworkTV (My58). The over-the-air station is on channel 48.1; it is carried on channel 58 on Buckeye CableSystem and on channel 10 on AT&T U-Verse.

The Rockets then travel to Missouri, where they will face former UT Head Coach Gary Pinkel’s Tigers. Pinkel coached the Rockets from 1991 to 2000, compiling a 73-37-3 mark. He was inducted into UT’s Varsity ‘T’ Hall of Fame in 2009. Missouri was 5-7 in 2012, its first in the SEC and first losing season since 2004.

Toledo’s other two non-conference foes also are formidable. Eastern Washington was 9-2 last year and advanced to the semifinals of the Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs. The Eagles were FCS Champions in 2010. Navy was 8-5 in 2012 and earned a berth in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl.

MAC home games will be Western Michigan (Oct. 5, Homecoming), Eastern Michigan (Nov. 2), Buffalo (Nov. 12) and Northern Illinois (Nov. 20). The NIU game will be televised on ESPN2, while the Buffalo game will be on either ESPNU or ESPNU.

Conference road games are at Central Michigan (Sept. 21), Ball State (Sept. 28), Bowling Green (Oct. 26) and Akron (Nov. 29). The Akron game will be carried on either ESPNU or ESPN3.

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