

## Doctors Without Borders to be inducted into Medical Mission Hall of Fame at UT

**D**octors Without Borders USA and two couples who have dedicated their lives to helping those in medical need are members of the 12th class that will be inducted into The University of Toledo's College of Medicine and Life Sciences Medical Mission Hall of Fame Saturday, March 22.

The ceremony will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Collier Building Room 1000B on UT's Health Science Campus.

Dr. Deane Marchbein, president of Doctors Without Borders USA, will accept the honor on behalf of the organization.

"Every day, Doctors Without Borders bears witness to the extraordinary efforts that ordinary people are making to access medical care in crisis zones around the world," Marchbein said. "I hope to shed light on the challenges our patients face in often-overlooked places, such as



Afghanistan, South Sudan and the Central African Republic."

In 2012, she was elected president of the board of directors for the international organization that provides health care and medical training in war-torn and impoverished countries.

In 1971, Médecins Sans Frontières, known in English as Doctors Without Borders, was founded in Paris. The organization was established with the "belief that all people have the right to medical care regardless of gender, race, religion, creed or political affiliation, and that the needs of these people outweigh

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## Nobel Prize laureate to speak at UT; RSVPs due March 11

*By Samantha Watson*

**I**n 2007, Dr. Mario Capecchi received a Nobel Prize for his work in genetics. On Monday, March 17, he's coming to The University of Toledo.

Capecchi, the Distinguished Professor of Human Genetics and Biology at the University of Utah School of Medicine, will give two lectures at UT Tuesday and Wednesday, March 18 and 19.



Capecchi

"Dr. Capecchi is not only a skilled scientist, but also a brilliant educator and speaker," said Dr. Akira Takashima,

professor and chair of the UT Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology. "I think those who attend his lectures at UT will be inspired by the work that he's done throughout his life."

Capecchi's free, public lecture on Tuesday, March 18, will begin with a reception at 5:15 p.m. in the Collier Building Lobby. His talk, "The Making of a Scientist — An Unlikely Journey," will begin at 6 p.m. in Collier Building Room 1050. He will discuss the triumphs and tribulations he experienced on his path to becoming who he is today and discuss the importance of science in our society.

"This lecture is meant to stimulate people into wanting to go into science and why I think science is fun," Capecchi said. "What makes science seem hard is jargon. If you strip out the jargon, what we do really isn't that complicated."

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## Annual Jefferson Award Champion named, heading to national ceremony

*By Samantha Watson*

**T**o date, Jordan Keefe has collected more than 3,000 shoes for those in need through a nonprofit he created after visiting Haiti last year.

His trip to Haiti was part of the Learning Through Service course at The University of Toledo, taught by Dr. Sammy Spann, assistant provost with the Center for International Studies Programs. Keefe was joined by 15 other students for a mission trip to help provide food, water, housing, education and medical care.

The experience, Keefe said, changed everything for him.

"I saw kids walking around either barefoot or with two-liter pop bottles on their feet to keep from getting parasitic diseases," Keefe said. "It changed us a lot. And after we left, we wanted to do something more."

Upon his return, Keefe and three other classmates created Save The Feet — a nonprofit that collects shoes for those in need.

For his work, Keefe was chosen as the UT Jefferson Award honoree in August and was selected as the 2013 champion at a Feb. 26 luncheon for all honorees.

"The room was filled with people who have done amazing things, so to be recognized like this is a blessing and an honor," Keefe said.

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Photo by Daniel Miller

**HONORED:** Jordan Keefe, a UT student who started Save The Feet, a nonprofit that collects shoes for those in need, was named the University's 2013 Jefferson Champion and received the award from Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs, left, during a ceremony last month.



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# New chair, organizational structure announced as UT Innovation Enterprises grows, evolves

By Jon Strunk

University of Toledo Innovation Enterprises (UTIE) announced last week the finalization of a six-month reorganization process that looked at the leadership, committee and organization structures.

The move, part of a continued effort to adopt the most current best practices in economic development and University research commercialization, requires approval from the UT Board of Trustees.

C. William Fall, CEO of the William Fall Group, was named to chair the UTIE Board of Directors, pending approval by University trustees.

In addition, the UTIE board recommended separating the position of CEO from the position of chair and established four new operating committees, three of which were charged with oversight of specific portfolios of firms invested in by the organization.

"As Innovation Enterprises continues to grow and mature as an organization, UT President Lloyd Jacobs asked us in 2013

to start looking for ways to integrate the most current best practices into the UTIE governance model," Fall said.

"We're investing in ideas, technologies and companies that have the potential to really change people's lives and transform this community," Fall said. "The state of Ohio has asked universities to take a leadership role as engines of economic development, and we feel these changes will make a strong organization that much more impactful."

Three of the four new committees will focus respectively on firms advancing biomedical technology, information technology and alternative energy. Fall said the change would enable subject matter experts in each area to focus more of their efforts on specific areas, rather than the entirety of UTIE's portfolio.

A fourth committee will focus on providing business development services to young firms that could have the idea or product to commercialize, but not necessarily possess all the grant-writing,

marketing, finance and other expertise needed to succeed.

"Innovation Enterprises has reached a natural point in its life cycle where it is time to take a look at what's been accomplished and what can be improved," UT President Lloyd Jacobs said. "Names in leadership positions will change, but this effort is about creating a governance model with the endurance and flexibility to survive and thrive in an incredibly dynamic academic and commercial environment."

Fall and Jacobs said the integration of economic development into universities' teaching, research and health-care delivery missions is an area of agreement that spans elected officials from both parties and across all levels of government.

"UT was among the first universities to embrace the commercialization of laboratory research and the general role of economic driver," Jacobs said. "It's essential to this University and this region that we continue our leadership in this arena."



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## Tickets on sale for NCAA Women's Basketball First, Second Rounds

The University of Toledo's Savage Arena will host the 2014 Division I NCAA Women's Basketball First and Second Rounds Saturday, March 22, and Monday, March 24.

Games for session one Saturday will be played at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The session two game Monday will be played at 6:30 p.m.

An all-session ticket package includes tickets to all three games.

All sales for the 2014 Division I NCAA Women's Basketball First and Second Rounds are final; there will be no refunds or exchanges.

Purchase tickets at [utrockets.com](http://utrockets.com).

Participating teams will be determined Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m. on the ESPN Selection Show.

For more information, call the UT Ticket Office at 419.530.GOLD (4653).

## Nobel Prize laureate

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Capecchi won the Nobel Prize along with Sir Martin Evans and Dr. Oliver Smithies for their work with gene targeting in mouse embryo-derived stem cells. This research could lead not only to better management, but also to cures for every known human disease.

On Wednesday, March 19, Capecchi will give a University Distinguished Lecture to scientists and academics about his work with genetics. The reception will begin at 8 a.m. in the lobby of the Health Education Building, and at 8:30 a.m. Capecchi will present his lecture, "Gene Targeting Into the 21st Century: Mouse Models of Human Diseases From Cancer to Neuropsychiatric Disorders."

All are welcome to attend the lecture, though it is aimed toward a more scientific

audience. The talk will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

"What I look forward to is lots of questions and interacting with the audience," Capecchi said. "You can't anticipate a question; they just pop out, and the wilder the better."

Throughout his stay in Toledo, Capecchi will meet administrators, students and faculty in the departments of Medicine, Physiology and Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Cancer Biology, and Medical Microbiology and Immunology. He also will be a guest judge in the final round of oral and poster presentations for the 2014 Graduate Research Forum.

To RSVP for the March 18 public lecture, email [hscevents@utoledo.edu](mailto:hscevents@utoledo.edu) or call 419.383.6122 by Tuesday, March 11.



## Satisfaction survey opens communication channel for all students

By Cynthia Nowak

Everyone has opinions — just check the nearest social media site. However, when University of Toledo students share their opinions by completing the 2014 Student Centeredness Survey, the University will definitely be listening.

All UT students will receive an email message this week containing a link to the online survey, which will run until Wednesday, March 26. Multiple-choice questions on overall satisfaction cover the three main areas of the student experience — academics, support services and the learning environment/facilities — while addressing student “moments of truth” identified in “Imagine 2017,” UT’s strategic plan.

Completing the survey should take about 20 minutes, said Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, senior vice president for the student experience, whose office is working with Institutional Research to collect, compile and interpret the results.

“Although it’s designed not to take too much of our students’ time, this is a very

comprehensive survey, and it’s been updated to include new services like the University success coaches,” Patten Wallace added.

“By participating in the survey, students really can make a difference, because the results will be used to help the University improve today’s overall student experience and make the most effective plans for the future.”

The survey is confidential, with participants remaining anonymous. Students who complete the survey will be asked for their Rocket number only to be entered in a drawing for prizes that will include Kindle Fire tablets, NOOK tablets, Beats audio equipment, Bluetooth speakers, gift cards for Barnes & Noble and Starbucks, and more.

“This really is a win-win opportunity for our students,” Patten Wallace said. “Prizes are nice, but the big win is in the chance to be heard and make a significant difference.”

## In memoriam

**Millianne (Priest) Duffey**, a secretary at MCO from 1980 until her retirement in 1988, died Feb. 24 at age 89.

**David L. James**, Toledo, a painter journeyman at the University, died Feb. 28 at age 48. He joined the UT staff in 2008.

**Dr. M. Patricia Jones**, Tipton, Mich., who taught English literature at the University, died Feb. 21 at age 88.

**June L. Mallory**, Toledo, died March 3 at age 84. She was hired as a clerical specialist in 1965 and worked in the UT library. She retired as a secretary in 1987.

**Adela Mundt**, Maumee, local restaurateur and UT Medical Center benefactor; died Feb. 25 at age 77. She helped lead several area restaurants: Loma Linda, Ventura’s and Barron’s Café. Since 1970, she owned Loma Linda; the Swanton establishment is often cited as the first area restaurant to serve Mexican food. In the late 1980s, Mundt had a new Loma Linda built next to the original, which then was torn down. Her success was in the spotlight when the U.S. Small Business Administration named her Small Business Person of the Year in 1992 for the Cleveland District. When her husband, Alfred, had a heart attack in 1983, the couple sought care at the former Medical College of Ohio. Alfred had quadruple bypass surgery and after congestive heart failure, he received a heart transplant in 1998. The grateful couple became major supporters of the UT Medical Center; establishing the Adela and Alfred Mundt Endowed Professorship in Transplantation Cardiology, and also making a significant contribution to the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center at UTMC. Tributes are suggested to the Mundt Cardiology Fund or the Dana Cancer Center at UT Medical Center through the UT Foundation.

## Jefferson Award Champion

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In addition to Keefe, the 2013 honorees were Dr. Robert Rudolph, Emily Hardcastle, Dr. Patrick Lawrence, Denise Oancea, Anna McCune, Carter Bayer, Yelena Zhernovskiy, Dr. Jeanine Diller, Drew O’Donnel, Cindy Reinsel and Hannah Konnagan. Watch videos about the UT monthly winners at [utoledo.edu/jeffersonaward/2013.html](http://utoledo.edu/jeffersonaward/2013.html).

As champion, Keefe will represent UT at the national Jefferson Award ceremonies June 17-18 in Washington, D.C. He will be joined by thousands of others who donate their time and money to helping those in need, as well as some of the politicians from both the Capitol and Ohio.

“It’s not over, it’s only just beginning,” Keefe said. “It’s nice to be recognized, but it’s more than that. This journey of collecting shoes and getting them to different countries is still going, and this award doesn’t end that.”

Of the more than 3,000 shoes collected, 125 already have been sent to Haiti. The



Photo by Khyara Harris

**STEPPING UP:** Jordan Keefe posed for a photo last summer with some of the shoes he had collected through Save The Feet.

remaining collection of shoes will be sent this year.

To donate shoes of any size and style to Keefe’s organization, visit [savethefeet.org](http://savethefeet.org).

To nominate someone for a Jefferson Award, visit [utoledo.edu/jeffersonaward](http://utoledo.edu/jeffersonaward).



Photo by Daniel Miller

**ON DUTY:** Patrolman Angel Tucker of the Oregon, Ohio Police Division talked with Amerra Bryson during the Criminal Justice Career Fair held last month in the Health and Human Services Building.

## Medical Mission Hall of Fame

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respect for national boundaries,” according to [doctorswithoutborders.org](http://doctorswithoutborders.org).



Marchbein

“The award of this prestigious international prize inspired individuals, organizations and academic institutions, including The University of Toledo and its Medical Mission Hall of Fame,” Dr. Ron McGinnis, interim dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, said.

“The Medical Mission Hall of Fame endeavors to honor the tremendous work and achievements of Doctors Without Borders.”

Also being inducted into the Medical Mission Hall of Fame this year are Dr. Richard Bransford and Millie Bransford, and



Dr. Richard and Millie Bransford

Since then, Doctors Without Borders has cared for millions, including more than 8 million in its medical facilities in 2012, and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999.

Dr. Pedro “Pete” J. Obregon II and Judith Obregon.

After graduating from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1967 and completing his residency program and a tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Richard Bransford, together with Millie, moved their family to Switzerland to join AIM International. To prepare for a medical missionary career, Richard earned a degree in tropical medicine.

Dedicated to improving the human condition, he worked as a missionary in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Comoro Islands. From 1978 to 1998, Richard and Millie served at Kijabe Hospital in Kenya. While there, the couple helped found Bethany Crippled Children’s Centre in Kijabe and co-founded the Bethany Relief and Rehabilitation International, which is known as BethanyKids. Today, BethanyKids works to transform the lives of African children with life-threatening conditions and disabilities through pediatric surgery, rehabilitation, public education, spiritual ministry, and the training of health-care professionals.

In recognition of his outstanding pediatric surgical contributions, Dick was awarded the American Medical Association’s Dr. Nathan Davis International Award in Medicine and the American College of Surgeons’ Surgical Humanitarian Award.

Dr. Pete Obregon is the product of an American medical mission in the Philippines. His parents were the first converts to the Christian faith in Hollo in the early 1900s. After graduating from a Baptist university in the Philippines, he had a private practice in Point Pleasant, W.Va., and later in Columbus, Ohio.



Dr. Pedro “Pete” and Judith Obregon

While Pete and Judith started two homeless clinics in Columbus, they were dedicated to care for the underserved medical and surgical needs of the poor in the third world. Their medical mission work included the Philippines, El Salvador, Africa, the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

In 1993, Pete was appointed medical director for the Medical Ministry International for Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. He left private practice to work full time for the organization. Since making that life-transforming decision, Pete and Judith have taken 134 medical and surgical teams to 39 countries. Judith has served as project director for many of the missions, and she has taught respiratory therapy techniques to nurses.

And Dr. Kristopher Brickman, chief of staff of UT Medical Center and professor and chair of the UT Department of Emergency Medicine, will receive the Lawrence V. Conway Lifetime Distinguished Service Award.

He joined the former Medical College of Ohio in 1992 and is the founder and director of the Office of Global Health in the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

In 2010, Brickman went on a medical mission trip to Haiti that changed his life. Since then, he has returned to Haiti 10



Brickman

times and participated in 20 medical missions.

Brickman also developed Northwest Ohio Emergency Services in 1989. He is CEO of the organization that employs 40 physicians

and provides emergency staffing at six area hospitals, including UT Medical Center.

Dr. Lawrence V. Conway, UT professor emeritus of finance, founded the Medical Mission Hall of Fame in 2004 to honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to advancing the medical well-being of people around the world. In 2006, the Medical Mission Hall of Fame became affiliated with the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences. The hall of fame can be seen in the lobby of the Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center.

RSVPs are requested for the free, public event by Monday, March 17: Call 419.530.2586 or 1.800.235.6766, or go to [toledoalumni.org](http://toledoalumni.org) and click on alumni events in the left column.

For more information, email [medmissionhof@utoledo.edu](mailto:medmissionhof@utoledo.edu).

## Professional Staff Association Sick Leave Bank enrollment open this month

Open enrollment for the Professional Staff Association’s Sick Leave Bank will take place through Monday, March 31.

The bank is a voluntary program open to all Professional Staff Association (PSA) members on all campuses.

Eligible employees are defined in PSA bylaws as “all non-bargaining unit employees on all campuses whether salary or hourly, classified or unclassified, full

or part time, excluding those with faculty rank.”

The bank collects one-time, voluntary donations of sick time from PSA personnel to assist PSA colleagues who may be stricken with catastrophic injury or illness. It bridges the gap of time between the exhaustion of their benefits from sick, personal and vacation days to when they qualify for long-term, permanent disability benefits.

Full-time PSA members may donate 16 hours and part-time members may donate eight hours of personal sick time to the bank, which is administered by Human Resources and Talent Development. Participants donate the time only once, no matter how long they continue their employment at UT.

To enroll, log into myUT portal. On the employee tab, click on the Professional Staff Association link. In the left-hand

column (under PSA Committees), click on the Sick Leave Bank Committee link. There you will find links to the policy and forms; there is also a link of current members. If you are not a member but wish to become one, return the completed form to PSA Sick Leave Bank, care of Deborah Sobczak, chair of the Sick Leave Bank Committee, Mail Stop 608, by the March 31 deadline.

## Student works to screen in Aspiring Filmmakers Showcase March 15

By Angela Riddel

What do briefcases, rattlesnakes and the psychosexual have in common? These subjects and more will be featured in the annual University of Toledo Aspiring Filmmakers Showcase.

Presented by the UT Film & Video Society, a student-run organization, and the UT Department of Theatre and Film, this year's showcase will screen Saturday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre.

An eight-member panel of judges made selections for the showcase. The panel included film faculty, two former students from the film program, Debra A. Davis, dean of the College of Communication and the Arts, Holly Monsos, professor of film and associate dean of the College of Communication and the Arts, as well as creative professionals within the community, Brett Leonard, feature film director and producer, and Dustin Hostetler, graphic artist and illustrator.

"The showcase is a great experience for students not only to see each other's work, but to see what other students are creating," said Samantha Muirhead, president of the UT Film Video Society. "Collaboration is the spirit of filmmaking and it is of value to students

to realize that often they may be each other's best resources."

"This year's selections were the most competitive that I've seen at UT. We use a juried entry process so that our students have real-world experience regarding professional practice," Monsos, associate chair of the Theatre and Film Department, said. "We have very well-crafted, well-conceived stories to watch, and we had some very good work that wasn't accepted. It shows how subjective festival acceptance is, and that's valuable for our students."

"It is always nice to see your work on the big screen. Nothing compares to having a large audience view and respond to your work," Muirhead added. "Often in classes your only critique is that of your classmates and your professor, but with the showcase a much larger community can be reached."

The majority of submissions were from film majors, but the competition is open to any student who created work in the film program's courses.

Tickets to the showcase cost \$5 for the general public and \$3 for students and seniors 60 and older.



This still is from "The Figure and the Mind" by Crista Constantine.



This image is from Melissa Byrd's film titled "Instinctual Drives."

## Shapiro Essay Revision Contest winners named

On its 25th anniversary, the 2014 Shapiro Essay Revision Contest had the largest number of participants ever: A total of 172 students competed for 15 prizes.

Students from almost every academic major took part in the largest writing contest, which was sponsored by the Department of English Language and Literature and the Composition Program.

Winners of the 2014 Shapiro Essay Revision Contest were:

- Andrea E. Tsatalis, freshman biology major, \$500;
- Summer M. Arnold, senior biology major, \$400;

- Elizabeth A. Weiter, junior marketing major, \$300;
- Tyler Perkins, senior pharmacy major, \$200; and
- Lucas Jones, sophomore mechanical engineering technology major, \$100.

Taking home \$75 prizes were:

- Jeanette M. Beerbower, sophomore English major;
- Victoria A. Jordan, freshman psychology major;
- Savannah Joslin, freshman communication/public relations major;

- Jenna R. Lykins, sophomore bioengineering major;
- Rylee Mignogna, freshman linguistics major;
- Christina Palmiero, freshman speech pathology major;
- Sheri M. Saka, freshman pre-pharmacy major;
- Rebecca K. Toth, freshman communication major;
- Savannah R. Xaver, sophomore English major; and
- Jae-min Yim, junior biology/biochemistry major.

The Shapiro Writing Contest is named for and supported by funds established by the late Dr. Edward Shapiro, professor emeritus of economics, who retired from The University of Toledo in 1989 after 22 years of service. An undergraduate of UT, he went on to obtain a master of arts degree from Ohio State University and a doctoral degree from Harvard.

"Dr. Shapiro donated funds to recognize and reward future UT students in what he regarded as the craft of good writing," said Dr. Deborah Coulter-Harris, associate lecturer of English and the contest director.

## College of Law to launch Master of Studies in Law Program fall 2014

By Rachel Phipps

**D**o you want to learn more about law and the legal system, but you don't plan to practice law? Do you want to earn a degree in law, but don't want to devote three years of full-time study to obtain a juris doctor? Do you want a master's degree in a fascinating field?

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, the Master of Studies in Law Program at The University of Toledo College of Law may be just right for you.

The College of Law is accepting applications to its Master of Studies in Law Program for classes starting fall 2014.

The Master of Studies in Law Program is designed primarily for professionals in a

variety of career settings who could benefit from a better understanding of law and the legal system but do not want to practice law. Master of studies in law students will gain a solid foundation in the law and can enhance their careers without investing the equivalent of three years of study to obtain a juris doctor.

"Law touches almost every field of human endeavor," said Daniel J. Steinbock, dean of the College of Law, "and knowledge of it can be invaluable for many professionals, as can the analytic skills honed in a law school."

Students earn the master of studies in law degree by successfully completing 30 credit hours. Full-time students can complete

the program in two semesters, and part-time students are welcome to arrange a workable program for themselves. Day and evening courses are available, making it convenient to attain a master of studies in law degree while working.

After one introductory course, master of studies in law students complete classes alongside juris doctor students, although the two groups are graded on different scales. Master of studies in law students may tailor their studies to concentrate in a specific area of law, including health care, human resources, criminal justice, business and many more.

The Master of Studies in Law Program can benefit those who work with lawyers,

whose work is governed by laws or regulations, or who work in fields where knowledge of the law provides an edge. Although designed primarily to enhance existing careers, the program also can help re-direct and launch career paths.

Master of studies in law classes will begin in August.

For more information about the Master of Studies in Law Program, see [utoledo.edu/law/admissions/apply/mlw.html](http://utoledo.edu/law/admissions/apply/mlw.html) or contact the Law Admissions Office at [law.admissions@utoledo.edu](mailto:law.admissions@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.4131.

To apply, visit [apply.utoledo.edu](http://apply.utoledo.edu).

## Discuss health-care reform at Science Café March 11

By Samantha Watson

**C**hanges in health-care policy affect everyone and are not without controversy. Recent government changes will be the topic of a Science Café discussion to be held at The University of Toledo.

On Tuesday, March 11, at 5 p.m. in Libbey Hall, the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society will host a Science Café titled "The Controversy Surrounding Obamacare and Health Reform in the United States."

The free, public discussion will be led by Dr. Christopher Cooper, UT professor and chair of medicine; Dr. Gretchen Tietjen, UT professor and chair of neurology; Dr.

Sunday Ubokudom, UT associate professor of political science and public administration; and Jim Ruvolo, president of Ruvolo & Associates.

Each panel member is well-versed in health-care policy and the often controversial views associated with the Affordable Care Act, often referred to as Obamacare. They hope to engage in an informal discussion of the topic and invite audience members to interact and ask questions.

Refreshments and an optional cash bar for those 21 and older will be available.

For more information on Sigma Xi, visit [utoledo.edu/nsm/lec/sigma\\_xi](http://utoledo.edu/nsm/lec/sigma_xi).

## Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals to hold argument March 12 in Law Center

By Rachel Phipps

**T**he Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals will hold oral argument at The University of Toledo College of Law Wednesday, March 12, at 9 a.m. in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.

The court will hear argument in four cases. Arguments set for the session include a child custody dispute, an appeal from a murder conviction alleging ineffective assistance of counsel, and a contract dispute between business partners.

Sessions are open to the public.

"The opportunity for students to observe judges and lawyers in a real court session is a valuable part of the college's oral advocacy curriculum," said Terrell

Allen, legal writing professor and director of the Legal Research, Writing and Appellate Advocacy Program. "We appreciate the court's willingness to provide this useful experience and instruction for our students."

The first session will begin at 9 a.m., and the second session will start at 10:15 a.m.

After adjourning, the court and counsel will answer audience questions.

More information is available on the court's calendar and docket.



**FINDING FAMILY:** Debra Middleton, secretary 2 in the UT Department of Mathematics and Statistics, gave a talk on "African-American Genealogy: An Amazing Journey Through Time" last month. She said the TV miniseries "Roots" and 1902 and 1909 photos of her great-grand parents intrigued her to uncover her family's history. She discussed using traditional sources, like census reports, but noted from 1790 to 1860 that enslaved men, women and children were not included in the documents, leading genealogists to dead ends. Middleton discussed alternative avenues to collect data: old Bibles, military records, Social Security applications, family photos, newspaper obituaries, legal documents and city directories, as well as researching records through county, state and national archives. She also recommended the websites Afrigeneas.com, Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. Middleton's talk was part of The Sojourner's Truth and Africana Studies Brown-Bag Seminar Series and part of the University's celebration of Black History Month.

Photo by Daniel Miller

## Women of the World Symposium to take place March 22

By Leisha Linger

**W**hat do you get when you combine UT, a newspaper, a feminist bookstore, a local YWCA, a community college and a Catholic parish?

WOW! Better explained as Women of the World, this collaborative will host its second symposium Saturday, March 22, on UT's Scott Park Campus. Hosted during Women's History Month, this event seeks to provide free educational and networking opportunities for women throughout northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

A free lunch will be provided to the first 100 registrants to the WOW Symposium. The registration deadline is Saturday, March 15.

The symposium will offer entertainment, a market place of vendors, and speakers on a variety of issues relevant to women.

"We are so thrilled to be hosting the second annual WOW Symposium at the Scott Park Campus. Last year was such a wonderful collaborative event for all involved, and we are looking forward to an even better event this year," said Emily Hardcastle, community outreach manager with the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement.

There will be opportunities for guests to attend breakout sessions throughout the day. Topics range from adoption to dressing professionally to African dance lessons. Another session will feature the women of

the world panel, discussing the cultural and societal expectations of girls and women from the perspective of four women from very different backgrounds.

The marketplace will be open all day for participants to browse and shop. Vendors will be all women-owned or women-focused organizations. Vendor registrations are due by Friday, March 14.

"WOW is a wonderful opportunity for women to learn things, meet other women and share experiences. I am so grateful for the opportunity to sell my children's book in the marketplace," said Nancy Meredith, author of *You're the Brightest Star* and UT alumna. "My book has a universal message about understanding the power of the choices you make."

Organizing partners and sponsors of the event include the American Association of University Women, the YWCA of Northwest Ohio, Nami of Greater Toledo, the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, Adopt America, The Blade, El Centro de la Mujer, People Called Women Feminist Bookstore, the UT Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Owens Community College, St. Martin de Porres, and Nirvana Now!

To find out more and to register, visit [wowtoledo.org](http://wowtoledo.org) or call 419.318.9705.



**POWER ON:** George W. Hayes Jr., electrician journeyman 2, sporting the UT hat at right, worked with Toledo Edison crewmembers last month to replace an interrupter on the circuit switcher for one of the University's two electrical transformers on Main Campus. A routine inspection of the transformer revealed one of the circuit switcher interrupters had leaked a gas that prevents high-voltage arcing during changing operations, according to Hayes. Without the gas inside the interrupter, a switch could have resulted in an explosion and power outage to campus. The dangerous situation was addressed quickly by Jim Graff, director of maintenance and electrical operations, Rick Kaliniak, electrician journeyman 2, and Hayes, who worked with Toledo Edison, Laibe Electric in Toledo, and high-voltage experts from Utilities Instrumentation Services to replace the interrupter.

Photo by Daniel Miller



Photo by Mlike Henningsen

**HONORED:** Dr. Daniel M. Johnson, who served as the 15th president of the University, spoke at a ceremony Feb. 28 to commemorate the renaming of the Crossings to Presidents Hall. The residence hall honors four past leaders with each wing bearing a name — third President John Worthington Dowd, seventh President Philip Curtis Nash, eighth President Wilbur Wallace White and Johnson. With the removal of Dowd, Nash and White halls last year, the University wanted to continue to recognize leaders who helped shape the institution.

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# Silver and Gold for UT at 2014 ADDYs

By Deanna Woolf

The UT Office of Marketing outshone the competition at the 2014 ADDY Awards, taking home four awards during the Feb. 27 event at the Valentine Theatre.

The American Advertising Federation Toledo chapter hosted the contest, which is the first round of the national American Advertising Awards (ADDYs).

UT won for the following entries:

- Gold ADDY for the UT Discovers magazine in the category of

publication design for a magazine or book;

- Silver ADDY for the UT undergraduate view book in the category of four-color brochures;
- Silver ADDY for the Rocky video series in the category of social media (watch them at [utole.do/rockyvideos](http://utole.do/rockyvideos)); and
- Silver ADDY for the undergraduate admission direct mail pieces in

the category of cross-platform campaign (regional/national).

“The UT marketing and communications team last year completed more than 850 design projects and posted more than 1,700 videos on YouTube,” said Esther Fabian, associate vice president for branding and creative services. “To produce that much volume and maintain a quality that results in four ADDY awards is truly outstanding.”

“Once again our team in External Affairs is recognized for its strategic and creative work. The Rocket brand is growing each day,” said Larry Burns, vice president for external affairs.

UT’s gold award-winning entry will be forwarded on to the district contest, the second in the three-tier ADDY competition.

