

UT attracts, retains increasing numbers of well-prepared students

By Jon Strunk

The University of Toledo has enrolled and retained increasing numbers of high-performing students and increased its direct-from-high-school, international and out-of-state populations compared to fall of last year, officials announced Tuesday.

Reporting for the official 15th day census, UT announced that the total number of new students has increased from 6,333 in 2013 to 6,632 this fall. Its direct-from-high-school population rose from 3,137 to 3,184 students. The number of Honors Award recipients — the academic scholarship provided to the most well-prepared students entering UT from high school — was up from 1,166 in 2013 to 1,265 this fall. The number of students participating in the Jesup Scott Honors College also increased from 954 to 1,296.

“The fact that almost 40 percent of our freshman class are very strong academically and that many chose to enroll in our

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Photo by Daniel Miller

RETENTION UP: The number of well-prepared students, direct-from-high-school students, and international and out-of-state populations increased this semester compared to last fall, according to 15-day figures.

University to host uHeart Digital Media Conference Oct. 9-10

Business success means a massive presence in the digital world. Learn from the best at The University of Toledo’s second annual uHeart Digital Media Conference.

The event will take place Thursday and Friday, Oct. 9 and 10, at the Radisson Hotel on UT’s Health Science Campus.

Innovators, experts, emerging leaders and accomplished practitioners will share their secrets on how to:

- Leverage social media to build a digital brand;
- Develop and launch applications that will attract interest;
- Target niche markets and build communities around brands and products; and
- Embrace the lighter side of digital media to generate buzz.

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Harvard philosopher to speak at lecture series Sept. 18

By Lindsay Mahaney

The Edward Shapiro Distinguished Lecture Series is known for its great speakers: Oliver Sachs, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Elie Wiesel, Toni Morrison, Wynton Marsalis; now Dr. Michael Sandel is joining the list.

The Harvard University professor is scheduled to speak at the 2014 Edward Shapiro Distinguished Lecture Series Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Nitschke Hall Auditorium.



Sandel

The talk is titled “Doing the Right Thing in Public and Private Life.” Presented by the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences, this free event is open to the public;

seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dr. Jamie Barlowe, dean of the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences, said Sandel’s work on ethics and justice is relevant and will appeal to UT faculty, staff, students and the greater Toledo area.

“Dr. Sandel continues the Edward Shapiro Distinguished Lecture Series tradition of presenting eminent and celebrated speakers whose lives and work have significantly impacted American and global society,” Barlowe said.

For 30 years, Sandel has taught at Harvard University, where he serves as the Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Government. His course, Justice, was the first Harvard class offered freely online and on public television, enrolling more than 15,000 students.

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UT to host International Human Trafficking Conference this week

By Aimee Portala

The Ohio End Demand Act was signed into law in June in front of a coalition of supporters and trafficking survivors. The End Demand Act increases the penalty for purchasing sex from a minor from a misdemeanor to a felony.

This legislation follows the successfully enacted Safe Harbor Act, which provides a safe haven and needed services for victims as well as increased penalties for traffickers.

The End Demand Act is aimed at reducing the illicit “consumer” demand for sex trafficking along with other important provisions to combat this crime

Dr. Celia Williamson, UT professor of social work, has focused on raising awareness about sex trafficking for more than a decade.

“The way to move people to action is to first get them educated on the issue and then provide them with the tools to respond to the issue. That’s what we hope the conference



does for both the general public as well as researchers, activists, and those involved in the helping professions across the U.S. and abroad,” she said.

The 11th annual International Human Trafficking, Prostitution and Sex Work Conference will take place Thursday and Friday, Sept. 18 and 19.

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UT Medical Center CEO announces organizational changes

By Jon Strunk

University of Toledo Medical Center CEO Dave Morlock announced Friday a series of organizational reporting changes as the hospital finalizes its personnel structures and says goodbye to Norma Tomlinson, a senior UTMC executive who has played a critical role in the strength of the medical center during the past decade.

"I know the entire UTMC family joins me in thanking Norma for her dedication to this institution during the last nine years," Morlock said. "We have been lucky to have her leadership and guidance in our efforts to always continuously improve the care and experience provided to our patients and the learning environment enjoyed by our students."

Tomlinson, who most recently served as associate vice president of UTMC, retired Sept. 12. She joined the hospital in 2005 from Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tenn., where she was the vice president of clinical services and operations, and chief nursing officer.

There are several changes to the administrative structure at the medical center.

Reporting to UTMC CEO Morlock will be Jennifer Pastorek, director of supply chain management, and Marge McFadden, chief administrative officer for quality and patient safety, who also will work closely on clinical

quality and safety initiative implementation with Dr. Carl Sirio, UTMC chief operating officer.

The Department of Service Excellence will report to Sirio. Transitioning into a leadership role of service excellence officer Oct. 1 will be Tony Urbina, who will return to Health Science Campus; he now serves as director of iCare University.

Vicki Riddick will be transitioning to work under Jovita Thomas-Williams, associate vice president for human resources and talent development, and be responsible for University-wide employee engagement.

"Having capably served as the director of service excellence, Vicki brings vast experience, years of institutional memory, and an in-depth understanding of UT culture that will be crucial to strengthening the University," Morlock said.

"All across the University our colleagues are working incredibly hard and accomplishing great things," Thomas-Williams said. "Vicki will be instrumental in recognizing and elevating these tremendous efforts."

Dan Barbee, vice president for clinical services, will oversee UTMC's clinical dietitians, led by Michele Lovett, and Transplant Services, led by Missy Korb. Inpatient Senior Behavioral Health Center

will report to Barbee via Monecca Smith, and Nursing Education and Professional Development will report to Barbee via Ben Stobbe.

Reporting to Allen Siefert, hospital administrator and director of the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center, will be Steven Hanenkrath, director of biomedical engineering and work control, and Mario Toussaint, senior director of operations for dining, retail and clinical nutrition.

Over the next several weeks, Environmental Services will be reorganized to separate support for clinical areas from academic areas, as well as push accountability and reporting closer to the end customer (for example, in the operating rooms). In the interim, Environmental Services will report to Barbee.

Outpatient Behavioral Health, led by Karon Price, will report to Olivia Dacre.

Health Science Campus Facilities, led by Vic Brigner, will report to Jason Toth.

Inpatient Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health, led by Tammy Cerrone, will report to Monecca Smith.

Survey efforts, from the American Hospital Association, the Ohio Hospital Association, and other groups, will report to Ron Goedde.

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Honors College speaks volumes about the type of students we are attracting and the quality of the academic experience they are receiving," said Dr. Cam Cruickshank, vice president for enrollment management and online education.

UT's total degree-seeking international population has reached a five-year high at 1,617. Out-of-state student numbers are on the rise, too, as more than 1,016 new students come from outside Ohio, including 794 from Michigan.

Overall, UT enrolled 20,625 students. At this time last year, UT enrolled 20,782.

"The strategy to which UT committed several years ago is paying dividends," Cruickshank said. "The decrease in enrollment we experienced from raising academic standards is now being replaced by increasing numbers of well-prepared students."

Cruickshank said in addition to recruiting more academically prepared students, UT is returning increasing numbers of students to campus for their second year. UT's retention rate for first-time, full-time freshmen of 70 percent is the highest it's been in more than a decade.

The state of Ohio has shifted its state subsidy model, funding colleges and universities based on graduation rates and academic success in the classroom instead of overall headcount.

"We knew when we raised standards we'd see a temporary dip. The academic preparedness of the students we are seeing enroll this semester demonstrates the successful efforts of the entire campus community to ensure students have the tools and resources they need to reach their educational goals and excel in the classroom," he said.

"I want to thank all of our faculty, advisers, success coaches, tutors and other staff for dramatically slowing and nearly reversing the declining enrollment trends at UT," said Interim President Nagi Naganathan.

"With a renewed commitment and ownership from all of us, we are bound to deliver higher levels of student success at UT. This, in turn, will also result in continued healthy enrollment growth in future terms."

Conference

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Hosted by The University of Toledo, Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition and the National Research Consortium on Commercial Sexual Exploitation, the conference brings together researchers, practitioners and others to educate attendees on human trafficking and lay the groundwork for future collaborative research, advocacy and program development.

Dr. Joel Filmore will deliver the keynote address, chronicling his 11-year journey as a victim of homelessness, drug addiction and prostitution in Chicago to recently earning his doctorate in counselor education and supervision from Northern Illinois University.

Other featured presenters include:

- Judge Paul Herbert, who will discuss the Franklin County Municipal Court docket "Changing Actions to Change Habits" (CATCH). CATCH is an innovative, voluntary, two-year program designed to rescue and restore those trapped in the sex

trade through intensive probation and rehabilitation services.

- State Rep. Teresa Fedor will cover legislative updates, including the recent End Demand Act and last year's Safe Harbor Act, and how these initiatives have shaped Ohio policy.
- Abdul-Hadeem O. Alli, a journalist from Nigeria, will examine the impact of the abduction of Nigeria's Chibok School Girls and will discuss the ongoing efforts of the Nigerian government in ensuring the girls' safe return to their families.

The Freedom Drivers Project, a mobile exhibit presented by Truckers Against Trafficking, also will be present at the conference. The project is designed to educate members of the trucking industry and the general public about the realities of domestic sex trafficking and how the trucking industry is combating it. Truckers Against Trafficking is a national, nonprofit organization that provides training to

members of the trucking and travel plaza industries and engages them in the war against both sex and work victimization.

Tours of the Freedom Drivers Project exhibit are open to the public Friday, Sept. 19, from 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Truckers Against Trafficking and the Freedom Drivers Project also will be key in assisting with the specially designed, age-appropriate conference track for area high school students.

Other topics to be discussed during the two-day conference will include heightened sex trafficking incidents in relation to the Super Bowl; the high number of transgender women buying sex in Chicago; and the sex tourism industry.

For more information, visit traffickingconference.com or email traffickingconference@gmail.com.

uHeart Digital Media Conference

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“Our lineup of dynamic speakers will make this a must-attend event for leaders in digital media and entrepreneurs across the region,” Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs, said.

Brian Kibby, president of McGraw-Hill Higher Education, will give the keynote address. Under his leadership, the company became a top provider of adaptive learning technologies in higher education.

In addition to Kibby, speakers will be:

- Kim Adams House, head of Jeep brand advertising for Chrysler Group LLC;
- Jason Bacher and Brian Buirge, creators of Good F***ing Design Advice;
- Brian Balasia, founder and president of Digerati, a software firm;
- Phil Brabbs, co-founder and managing partner of Torrent Consulting, which specializes in helping businesses increase sales through cloud, social and mobile technologies;
- Patrick Duggan, who runs Down With Detroit, an apparel company with a strong social media presence;
- Bradley Hoos, head of community partnerships and co-founder at Grand

Circus, a technology training center in Detroit;

- Kristin Kiser, senior director of digital strategy for Communica Inc., an international marketing company;
- Noah Krugel, former managing partner at EPK Design LLC, who oversaw the development of more than 200 websites and web-based applications;
- Moses Lee, CEO and founder of Seelio, an online portfolio company based in Ann Arbor, Mich.;
- Todd Miller, Midwest regional manager with PointRoll, a leader in cross-screen data-driven marketing solutions and ad management;
- Ashley Mirakian, marketing director of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra and chief marketing counsel for the Toledo Opera;
- Sean Nicholson, senior vice president of integrated marketing for PlattForm, a marketing and advertising agency in Kansas City that focuses on enrollment solutions for colleges and universities;
- Cam Norton, UT assistant director of university communications, who oversees social media and video production;



- Bill Rossiter, owner of Interrupt, a strategic marketing consulting and advertising firm in the building materials industry;
- Gabe Rubin, CEO and founder of GamerSaloon.com;
- Lacie Sandstrom, Google specialist who shows clients how to use Internet-related services to drive business and online interaction with customers;
- Richard Shulman, self-confessed iPad junkie, who created the app Skribl;
- Tracy Smuts, founder of Capstone Media; and

- Matt Wise, CEO of HelloWorld Inc. (formerly known as ePrize Inc.).

Closing the conference will be a panel discussion featuring Burns; Jeff Sims, customer relationship manager and research manager with the Detroit Lions; John Policicchio, vice president of marketing from the MotorCity Casino; and Bob Lanham, regional vice president of Shazam.

Early registration is \$80 and \$55 for students. Starting Friday, Oct. 3, the cost will be \$100.

For more information and to register, go to uHeartDigitalMedia.com.

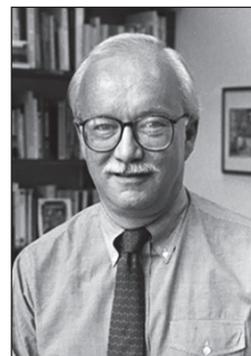
In memoriam

Freddie Mae Miller, Toledo, a longtime MCO employee, died Aug. 30 at age 86. She started working in the Blood Bank Department at Maumee Valley Hospital in 1950 and continued when it became the Medical College of Ohio. Miller collaborated with Dr. Peter Lao, who directed blood services at the American Red Cross in Toledo and taught at MCO, to develop a method to separate blood so that patients would receive only red blood cells, not plasma, which may contain harmful antibodies. She retired as blood bank supervisor in 1984.

Raleigh Ashbrook Slawson, Toledo, a library technician from 1982 to 1985, died Aug. 31 at age 99. He is survived by his daughter, Eva Slawson, patient registration specialist at UT Medical Center.

Memorial slated for English professor

A memorial gathering for Dr. John Boening, who taught at UT for 37 years, will take place Friday, Sept. 26, at 4 p.m. in Libbey Hall.



Boening

The professor emeritus of English died June 18 at age 72.

“Please join us to honor the memory of our colleague and his contributions to the University

community,” Dr. Sara Lundquist, associate professor and chair of the Department of English, said.

He joined the English Department as an instructor in 1969 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1971, associate professor in 1975 and professor in 1980. Boening served as department chair from 1991 to 1997.

The New York City native had an international reputation as a comparative literature scholar. He wrote a 10-volume compilation titled *The Reception of Classical German Literature in England, 1760-1860: A Documentary History From Contemporary Periodicals* (1977) and was working on a book on the German poet Rainer Maria Rilke’s art criticism.

Boening was on the Arts and Sciences Council, a Senior Fellow of the UT Humanities Institute and a member of the Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi. He headed the UT/Toledo Museum of Art Committee that led to museum teachers becoming University faculty members. And he served on various fellowship selection and review panels for the National Endowment for the Humanities and for the Ohio Humanities Council.

The Maumee resident retired in 2006.

Celebrate Our River Week to recognize restoration project, art

By Aimee Portala

The University of Toledo President's Commission on the River recently completed a five-year restoration project for the Ottawa River on Main Campus, just in time for this year's Celebrate Our River Week.

After installing in-stream habitat structures in August 2013, this summer 300 native plants were added along the riverbanks to bring the project total plantings to more than 1,500. Six new information signs have been installed along the banks to describe various natural aspects of the river and to showcase details of the restoration work.

The project was funded by grants from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with the plants and additional support provided by Partners for Clean Streams Inc. via funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association.

Dr. Cyndee Gruden, UT associate professor of civil engineering, and her graduate students are constructing demonstration projects for storm-water treatment at two parking lot sites adjacent to the river on Main Campus. This work is funded by grants from the Ohio EPA.

Events for Celebrate Our River week are:

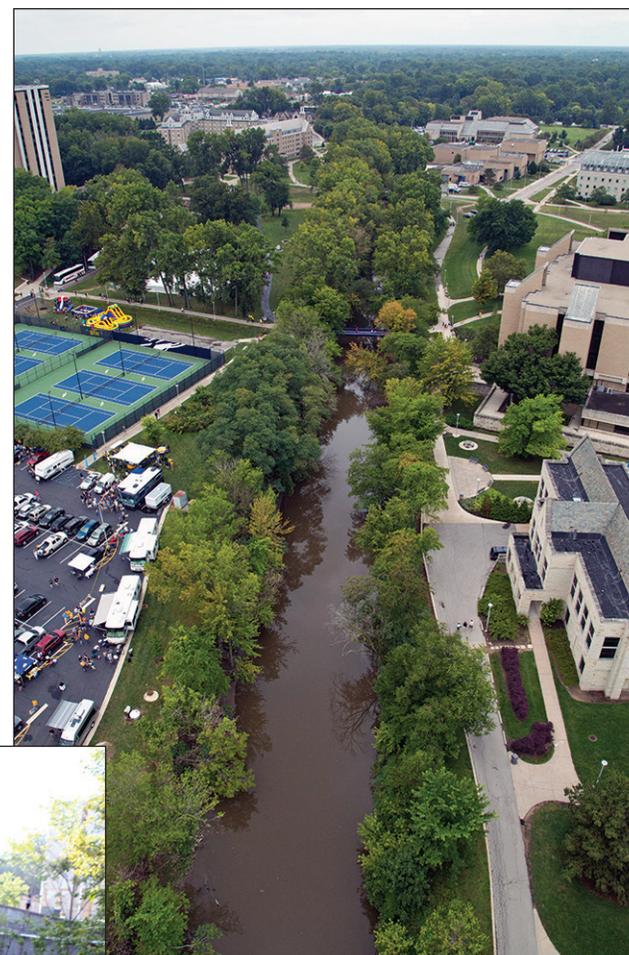
- Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 17-19 — Video and poster displays will be in Carlson Library; these will include pieces by artist Judith Greavu.

- Wednesday, Sept. 17, at noon — The UT Campus Beautification Committee will dedicate a sculpture, "Current Forces" by Judith Greavu. The work is located south of Bowman-Oddy Laboratories and Wolfe Hall.
- Thursday, Sept. 18, at noon — Meet in the parking lot by the College of Law to participate in a walking tour of the river restoration project.
- Friday, Sept. 19, at noon — Winners of the third annual Student River Photography contest will be announced at the Student River Plaza.
- Saturday, Sept. 21, at 8 a.m. — Clean Your Streams 2014 sponsored by Partners for Clean Streams Inc. Help pick up the banks of local waterways, including the Ottawa River on Main Campus.

The commission is working on other initiatives, including the creation of an online river tour brochure for visitors, faculty, staff and students. Planning

also is under way for a walking path along the river.

For more information about the river restoration project and Celebrate Our River Week, contact Dr. Patrick Lawrence, UT professor and chair of geography and planning, and chair of the President's Commission on the River, at patrick.lawrence@utoledo.edu or 419.530.4128.



Photos by Daniel Miller



BANK SHOTS: Dr. Patrick Lawrence, chair of the President's Commission on the River, left, talked with Matt Hemming, groundskeeper 3, about the informational signs that were installed on the banks of the Ottawa River on Main Campus.

Book launch and panel discussion focus on disability and incarceration

By Samantha Watson

For a person with disabilities, incarceration of any form — not just prisons and jails — can cause a lot of problems.

That's the focus of the book *Disability Incarcerated*, co-edited by Dr. Liat Ben-Moshe, a University of Toledo assistant professor of disability studies. A book launch will be held Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 5 p.m. in Libbey Hall, followed by a panel discussion. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

"We wanted to expand the definition of what incarceration is," Ben-Moshe said of the book. "People are not just placed in prisons and denied rights, living opportunities, and decision-making power over their own lives. There is a variety of places that do the same thing."

The book, according to Ben-Moshe, seeks to broaden the definition of

incarceration as it relates to those with disabilities. It considers not just prisons and jails, but psychiatric hospitals, institutions, nursing homes and more.

It then looks at the effects these types of places have on individuals with disabilities. Ben-Moshe said that they look not only at disabilities that are defined by doctors, but any kind of difference.

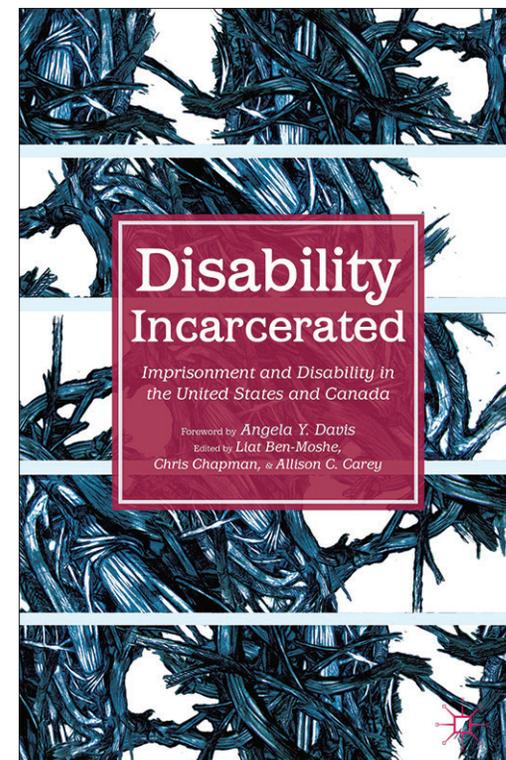
"There is a variety of ways that disability can manifest itself in these settings," she said. "Not all of them can be labeled by a doctor."

Ben-Moshe also explained that even individuals who don't have a disability when they become incarcerated may develop one. She said this is especially true with Supermax prisons, where prisoners often spend 23 hours each day without interaction with others.

"You basically live in a closet for 23 hours a day," Ben-Moshe said. "It's supposed to be a disciplinary thing that lasts for 30 or 60 days depending on the place, but, unfortunately, it has become a widespread phenomenon where people live there for decades."

Ben-Moshe worked with co-editors Dr. Chris Chapman, assistant professor of social work at York University in Toronto, and Dr. Allison Carey, associate professor of sociology at Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania, to publish the book earlier this year. It is made up of 14 chapters written by interdisciplinary authors.

The book also features a foreword by Angela Davis, an American political activist, scholar and author. It can be purchased online or at the book launch for \$25.



Theatre and Film Department to spotlight '50 Years of Wow!'

The University of Toledo Department of Theatre and Film will turn 50 this academic year. In honor of its birthday, the department is throwing a bash this weekend.

Several events for "50 Years of Wow!" will take place Friday through Sunday, Sept. 19-21.

Some have a cost; most are free. All require advance registration by Wednesday, Sept. 17. Register online at Tinyurl.com/UT50YearsOfWow or call 419.530.2452.

Listed by date, the schedule for the weekend:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

- Bernie's Bash, 4 to 7 p.m., Center for Performing Arts. Dr. Bernie Coyne, department founder and former chair, will get things started with a welcoming reception/mixer. Pick up tickets for the events you registered for and have some free nosh compliments of Coyne, who will be in attendance. There will be a cash bar.
- Evening Party, 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Toledo Club, 235 14th St. Check out animation created by UT film students while country-rock and rhythm and blues band Mustang Sally performs in the parking lot. In the red room, jazz will be served up by local musicians Candice Coleman, who was a semifinalist on "American Idol," and Chris Brown. Free UT shuttle to the event, with the last bus leaving the Toledo Club at 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

- Historical walking tours of the Center for Performing Arts, 10 a.m. to noon. Check out the installation of photos, posters, programs, memorabilia, costumes and more from recent and historical productions.
- Cabaret in the Afternoon, noon to 3 p.m., Center for Performing Arts. Performances and films by current students, past performers, alumni and others. The event will include a free lunch; a cash bar will be available. To sign up to perform, contact Kate Abu-Absi, director of UT's Arts Living and Learning Community, at katherine.abu-absi@utoledo.edu.
- Cocktail Hour, 6:30 p.m., Toledo Club. There will be a cash bar.
- Dinner, 7:30 p.m., Toledo Club. Cost is \$45 per person; payment required in advance.
- After-Dinner Program, 8:30 p.m. Tributes, memories and more will be shared.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

- Brunch, 10 a.m. to noon, Toledo Club. Cost is \$20 at the door.
- "Pirates of Penzance," 2:30 p.m., Toledo Repertoire Theatre, 16 10th St. Tickets are \$15 when you register for this event online.

More information is available on the department's website at utoledo.edu/comm-arts/theatre/film and [Facebook.com/UTTheatreFilm](https://www.facebook.com/UTTheatreFilm).

Keynoter



Photo by Daniel Miller

Pianist, singer-songwriter and producer Ben Sidran gave a master class last week in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. The host of National Public Radio's "Jazz Alive" and VH-1's "New Visions" was in town for a concert. Sidran has recorded more than 30 discs, including *Don't Cry For No Hipster*, and produced recordings by Van Morrison, Diana Ross, Michael Franks and Rickie Lee Jones. In addition, he co-wrote "Space Cowboy" with Steve Miller and has authored several books, including *A Life in Music*.

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The political philosopher is also a best-selling author. His book, *Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?*, is a New York Times bestseller that has sold more than 2 million copies worldwide and has been translated into 27 different languages. His most recent book, *What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets*, was named as one of the 20 must-read books of 2012, Barlowe said.

The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) have both included Sandel's lectures on television series, and

he hosts a radio series on BBC, "The Public Philosopher," that lets the audience debate about philosophical questions related to current events. Additionally, Sandel has appeared on "The Colbert Report," "Today Show," "Morning Joe" and "Charlie Rose."

The lecture series is named in memory of UT alumnus Edward Shapiro, who retired from his alma mater in 1989. He was an economics professor for 22 years at the University and donated more than \$4 million to the UT College of Arts and Sciences during his lifetime.

Diversity training now available for graduate credit

By Leisha Lininger

Starting Monday, Oct. 20, UT will offer the first diversity certificate for credit online to anyone qualified and interested.

Consisting of 12 credit hours taught over three semesters, the program will feature subject matter experts and be taught by Dr. Shanda Gore, UT chief diversity officer and creator of both the Culture Building Institute diversity certificate and graduate diversity certificate.

Gore also serves as the associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement, which oversees the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women in Tucker Hall on Main Campus as well as the UT Minority Business Development Center on the Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation.

"I was repeatedly asked for a program for credit by UT and outside sources," Gore said. "I was contacted specifically about our Culture Building Institute Diversity Certificate Program, which

is offered solely to UT employees. (See story below.)

"This program is a result of a number of contributors, and I am glad that the Higher Education Department, the College of Social Justice and Human Service, and the College of Graduate Studies can support it," she said.

Courses will include:

- Diversity Beginnings (four credit hours) Oct. 20 to Dec. 12;
- Diversity in Practice (four credit hours) Jan. 12; and
- Diversity Advancement (four credit hours) June 29.

To register, search for the course and register prior to Monday, Oct. 20.

To qualify, one must hold a bachelor's degree in any field and be a registered UT graduate student.

If not a registered UT graduate student, visit the site for more information and to apply to the College of Graduate Studies: utoledo.edu/diversity/training/diversityforcredit.html.

Cutting loose



Photo by Daniel Miller

Snipping the ribbon at the computer lab at the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women were, from left, Dr. Shanda Gore, chief diversity officer and UT vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement, and Women & Philanthropy members Judy Gutteridge and Betsy Gouvernayre as other organization members watched. Women & Philanthropy at The University of Toledo awarded a \$21,400 grant to the center to purchase computers, a smart board and a printer. Through the lab, the center continues to provide developmental training to the UT campus community and the greater Toledo area. Located in Tucker Hall, the computer lab bears the name Women & Philanthropy.

Diversity certificates available for professional training; register for program by Sept. 18

By Leisha Lininger

A direct result of responses on the Campus Culture Climate Survey, the Culture Building Institute and the Diversity Certificate Program became a reality in 2013.

Now entering its fourth cohort and with 49 graduates, the program boasts a comprehensive series of workshops on topics ranging from poverty to body image to gender identity.

Open to UT employees, the Diversity Certificate Program has about 10 seats open for fall.

Participants must complete six required sessions and at least five optional sessions to earn the certificate.

Kicking off with Building a Culture of Diversity Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in Rocket Hall Room 1530, this seminar will focus on discussing the impact

and implications of social interaction of varied cultures.

The certificate program will continue with seminars hosted mostly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, with some Friday sessions.

New programs include the experiential seminar Socioeconomics, Bridges Out of Poverty, Friday, Dec. 12, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in Rocket Hall Room 1530.

The experiential learning sessions vary each semester. Sessions for this fall include a lecture by model, journalist and activist Yomi Abiola Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Doermann Theater and a free daylong trip to the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn, Mich., Friday, Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with transportation provided.

Focused on building a culture of diversity, the Culture Building Institute program provides training tailored to the University.

"Each session focuses on a specific dimension of diversity, but all sessions are from a University of Toledo perspective," said Jeff Witt, program manager of equity, diversity and community engagement. "Sessions are geared to any UT employee who provides service to or interacts with students, patients, families or other UT employees. Graduate assistants are also invited to participate."

"The certificate is unique to UT and is a wonderful opportunity to learn and engage on campus," said Dr. Shanda Gore, chief diversity officer and associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement.

With about 45 hours of training required to complete the certificate, participants can elect to finish it in one semester or take it over two semesters. To learn more, visit utoledo.edu/diversity/training/index.html.

The deadline to register for the fall Diversity Certificate Program is Thursday, Sept. 18, but participants may register for individual sessions at any time. Seating is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

The Culture Building Institute Diversity Certificate Program also will be offered in spring semester.

For more information, contact Witt at 419.530.8573 or jeffery.witt@utoledo.edu.

For questions regarding registration, contact Eva Curtis at 419.530.2036 or eva.curtis@utoledo.edu.

Event helps give minority businesses a chance

By Samantha Watson

On Thursday, Oct. 9, guests are invited to “An Evening of Chance” with games, music, food and a good cause.

“An Evening of Chance,” the inaugural fundraiser of The University of Toledo Minority Business Development Center, will be held Thursday, Oct. 9, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Parkway Plaza in Maumee.

The evening will feature a photobooth and games like roulette, blackjack, and Texas Hold ’em. Between games, guests can bid on items in the silent auction and eat and drink from several food stations, a soft bar and a cash bar.

The event will conclude with an award ceremony for local minority business owners and a live auction.

The proceeds will help the UT Minority Business Development Center, which is in its fifth year of operation and is one of few of its kind in the United States.

“This event is an opportunity for the community to learn about how we support and play a part of the economic development in the region,” said Dr. Shanda Gore, UT associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement, and chief diversity officer.

The UT Minority Business Development Center is an integral

component of the UT Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement, and the Division of External Affairs. Located on the Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation, its mission is to foster an environment that supports early-stage minority-owned businesses via services such as office space, training, mentoring, and professional network of advisers.

“For businesses, within the first five years, it’s a challenge to stay open,” Gore said. “And our students benefit through the center because it creates a great hands-on experience that builds a top-notch resumé. We have 100 percent placement of all students who have interned or had assistantships with us.”

To purchase tickets, which are \$50, visit utoledo.edu/incubator/mbdc. Sponsors also may register through this website.

Ticket sales end Thursday, Sept. 25. Each ticket will provide some gaming money, and additional purchases will be available.

For more information, call 419.530.3170, email mbdc@utoledo.edu, follow on Twitter at twitter.com/UTMBDC or like the center on Facebook.

Students’ access to licensed attorneys covers many common legal issues

By Cynthia Nowak

You’re moving out and the landlord suddenly tells you that your security deposit is nonrefundable after all.

Your brand-new car is still shuddering along like a zombie despite repeated visits to the dealer.

Your Aunt Millie left you money in her will, but looks like it’ll have to go through probate before you see any of it.

Who you gonna call? If you’re a UT student who chose the option available during registration, you can tap into the expanded legal services available through Student Legal Services.

“We want students to be aware of the scope of services they can use for a very modest fee,” said Charlon Dewberry, one of the licensed attorneys who provide professional legal advice and representation to enrolled UT students who choose the services option when they register for classes.

For just \$10 a semester, or \$20 to cover spring and summer, students can receive assistance in the following:

- Consumer issues, including debt collection, contracts, credit, the Ohio lemon law, warranties and defective-item repairs;
- Landlord and tenant issues;
- Misdemeanor criminal and traffic matters;
- Probate matters such as wills, name changes and step-parent adoptions;
- Expungements or petitions to seal records;

- Employment and unemployment matters;
- Uncontested divorces and dissolutions; and
- Accident cases, including property damage and/or minor personal injury claims.

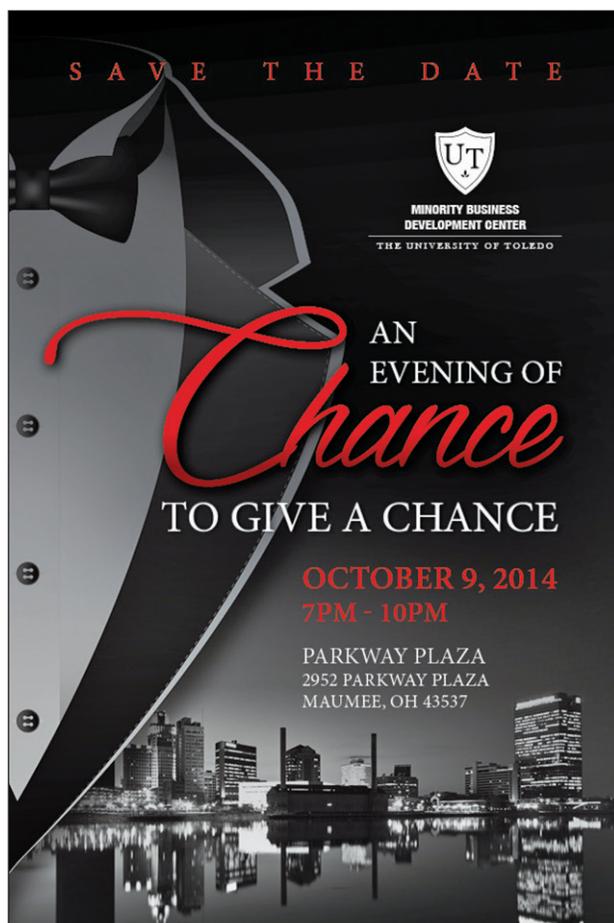
Opportunities to receive services are being expanded for the 2014-15 academic year, allowing students who are not enrolled for summer 2015 to retain access to staff attorneys. The \$10 legal fee for fall semester is billed when students register unless they opt out of the program by checking the appropriate box.

Thus, when spring 2015 registration begins in October, students have several options: They can opt out; choose to have legal coverage only for spring semester for \$10; or for \$20, they can be covered during the entire 2015 summer term as well, even if they don’t enroll for any of the summer semesters.

“Summer can be full of reasons a student needs legal counsel,” Dewberry noted. “They might need it for apartment leases, traffic accidents or new-job issues, just as a few examples.

“When you consider that hiring a private attorney costs upward of \$150 an hour, we want students to consider what an amazing bargain Student Legal Services represents.”

For more information, go to utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/studentlegalservices.



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UT schedules events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

The University of Toledo will observe Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, with several events that will spotlight the culture.

“UT celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America,” said David Young, director of the Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success. “September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

“In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day, or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30-day period.”

Listed by date, the events facilitated through the UT Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success and Latino Student Union will include:

- **Monday, Sept. 15** — Carnival Kickoff Celebration, noon, Student Union steps and Centennial Mall. (Rain location will be Student Union Ingman Room.) AnaPatricia Marquez, president of the Latino Student Union, will give opening and closing remarks. There’ll be free food and games. Help break piñatas at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m., and watch a dance performance by Corazon de Mexico at 1 p.m.
 - Latino Alumni Affiliate Meet and Greet, 7 to 8 p.m., Driscoll Alumni Center.
 - Latino Student Union Meeting, 8 p.m., Student Union Room 2592.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 24** — Spanish Tutorial, 5 to 7 p.m. in Student Union Room 2592.
- **Thursday, Sept. 25** — Cocina Latina, 7 to 9 p.m., International House Multipurpose Room. The Latino Student Union will demonstrate how to prepare Hispanic dishes.
- **Friday, Sept. 26** — Diamante Awards, 6 p.m., Premier Banquet Hall, 4480 Heatherdowns Blvd. Hosted by The University of Toledo, this year’s event will celebrate 25 years of honoring Latino leadership and achievements in northwest Ohio. Juana Bordas will talk about her book, *The Power of Latino Leadership*. Cost: \$100, \$35 for students.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 30** — Latino Idol, 7 to 9 p.m., Student Union Ingman Room. The Latino Student Union will hold its annual competition where contestants sing in Spanish. The event is open to all.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 1** — Salsa on the Steps, noon to 4 p.m., Student Union Steps.
- **Thursday, Oct. 2** — Artist Reception, 5 to 7 p.m., Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 0168. Meet local Hispanic and Latina artists who have works on display through Friday, Dec. 5, in the Eberly Center for Women.
- **Monday, Oct. 20** — Latino Student Union Open House, 6 to 8 p.m., Student Union Room 2592. Stop by for light refreshments and to see what this organization has to offer.

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