UT board member/alum gives $500,000 gift to College of Business and Innovation

By Bob Mackowiak

University of Toledo alumni Steven Cavanaugh and his wife, Tiffany, have made a $500,000 gift to the College of Business and Innovation to provide scholarships for honor students and enable the college to pursue new initiatives.

The announcement was made Nov. 25 in the lobby of the college’s Stranahan Hall.

“One thing the College of Business taught me is to invest where there is the best return on investment,” Cavanaugh said. “I know that we have placed our money in a great place.”

A native of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Cavanaugh earned a bachelor’s degree in finance, magna cum laude, from The University of Toledo. He is executive vice president and chief operating officer.

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President to hold town hall meeting Dec. 10

Interim President Nagi G. Naganathan will host a town hall meeting Wednesday, Dec. 10. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the president’s town hall meeting at noon in the Student Union Trimble Lounge (South Lounge) on Main Campus.

Naganathan said continuing the president’s town hall meetings will give the campus community an opportunity to ask questions and provide him with important feedback.

For those unable to attend in person, the meeting will be streamed live to video.utoledo.edu and questions can be submitted via e-mail to townhallquestions@utoledo.edu or through the UT Twitter or Facebook pages.

Two basketball players nominated for consideration to 2015 Allstate Good Works Teams

By Steve Easton and Brian DeBenedictis

Senior Justin Drummond and sophomore Sophie Reecher are among 251 nominees for the 2015 Allstate Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Good Works Teams.

Drummond is one of 97 male Division I student-athletes, and Reecher is one of 56 female players from Division I nominated. They are two of three representatives from the Mid-American Conference (MAC) on the list.

This prestigious community service award recognizes a distinguished group of student-athletes who have demonstrated a commitment to enriching the lives of others and contributing to the greater good in their communities.

College sports information directors and basketball coaches across the country nominated players who exhibit exceptional leadership skills and an unwavering commitment to volunteerism.

From the 158 male and 93 female nominees, voting panels will select two 10-member teams comprised of five student-athletes from the NCAA Division I level and five student-athletes.

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UT to open 25-year-old time capsule Dec. 15

By Cassandra DeYoung

In a final celebration of the 50th anniversary of the former Medical College of Ohio, The University of Toledo will open a time capsule that was sealed at MCO Dec. 14, 1989.

The ceremony will be held Monday, Dec. 15, at 9 a.m. in UT Medical Center’s Four Seasons Bistro.

The Medical College of Ohio was created Dec. 18, 1964, with the signing of legislation by Ohio Gov. James A. Rhodes. Paul Block Jr., co-publisher of The Blade, was an ardent advocate for the college and later became the first chairman of the school’s board of trustees. After a name change, the Medical University of Ohio merged with The University of Toledo in 2006.

Memorabilia dating from 1965 to 1989 is expected to be in the time capsule. “This is the final event of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Medical College of Ohio,” Vern Snyder, UT vice president for institutional advancement, said. “It celebrates the growth of what it was 50 years ago to what it is now as the UT medical campus, all the changes it has made, the advances of technology, and the amount of research that’s done on the campus.”

Dr. Nagi Naganathan, UT interim president, and Dr. Chris Cooper, dean of the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences, will speak at the brief ceremony hosted by Dr. William Davis, director of the UT General Practice Residency Program and associate dean of continuing medical education.

“At the event, we plan to display the memorabilia that’s in the time capsule for everyone to see,” Snyder said. “We are also planning to bring some other artifacts from the MCO archives that we used in the anniversary dinner in June.”

Cupcakes will be available for University students, faculty, staff and physicians throughout the day in celebration of the college’s milestone.

Blog by professor emeritus named to American Bar Association’s Blawg 100

By Rachel Phipps

A blog authored by Howard M. Friedman, UT professor emeritus of law, was named to the American Bar Association Journal’s Blawg 100 List.

The Blawg 100 is compiled by American Bar Association Journal staff and recognizes those law blogs that consistently offer insight into what current events mean for clients, the legal profession and the public. Nominations from readers are considered in the process.

Friedman writes about legal and political developments in the areas of religious liberty and separation of church and state at religionclause.blogspot.com. He tweets under the handle @ReligionClause.

Friedman’s blog also was one of 10 blogs added to the American Bar Association Journal’s Blawg 100 Hall of Fame this year.

“The Religion Clause blog] often reports ahead of major media on judicial decisions, legislation and legal scholarship,” Friedman said. “Its objective coverage and links to primary source material have attracted a readership across religious denominations and across the political spectrum.”

Friedman, the author of four books and more than 25 articles and book chapters in the areas of securities and corporate law, First Amendment law, and white collar crime, joined the UT College of Law faculty in 1970. He started Religion Clause in 2005, and his blog has made the American Bar Association Journal’s list on four other occasions.

Friedman headed the Cybersecurities Law Institute, where he created the Financial Regulators Gateway, an online guide to securities, banking and insurance regulators around the world, until 2005.

He is a graduate of Ohio State University, Harvard University and Georgetown University.

Visit abajournal.com/blawg100 for a list of all 100 honorees and to vote.
Co-founder of service organization receives Wallenberg Scholar Award

By Aimee Portala

E ach year, a UT student receives the Raoul Wallenberg Scholar Award, given for exemplary and meritorious service to those unable to help themselves.

Ryan Johnston, this year’s Wallenberg Scholar, co-founded the UT Bridge Club, an on-campus service organization, in 2012. Bridge Club supplements Food for Thought, a local social justice organization dedicated to feeding the hungry and homeless, by providing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches made by UT students.

Bridge Club aims to continue to help the unhoused and homeless of Toledo.

The award honors Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat who helped rescue tens of thousands of Jews during World War II by providing documentation that identified them as Swedish nationals.

“I am honored to be receiving this award. Mr. Wallenberg was an amazing man, and it is a shame more people are not aware of him. He is a testament of what one person can do guided by passion and morals, and to be recognized with an award in his name is very humbling,” Johnston said.

Robert Karp, a retired Toledo railroad worker, founded the award to recognize Wallenberg’s courage and commitment to social justice.

Johnston is a student in UT’s Baccalaureate/MD Program. He completed three years of undergraduate work before beginning medical school in fall 2013. He plans to pursue a career in pediatrics.

He has been involved in a number of organizations, including Toledo Campus Ministry, Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Blue Key National Honor Society, the American Medical Student Association and Business of Medicine Club. He also served as a resident adviser.

“My passion for serving others will not stop here. I will continue to strive to better the human condition and be a proponent for those whose voice may not be heard,” Johnston said. “I am going to start an international nonprofit that benefits children, and once I am finished with my medical education, I am going to do medical missions to developing countries.”

VOLUNTEERING: Ryan Johnston, this year’s recipient of the Raoul Wallenberg Scholar Award, is shown here on a mission trip in Haiti.

In memoriam

Patricia Beebe, Maumee, a nurse at MCO from 1976 until her retirement in 1992, died Nov. 26 at age 84.

Christopher R. Helm, Toledo, who worked at UT 23 years, died Nov. 27 at age 73. He joined the University in 1968 as an administrative assistant in Personnel Services. In 1970, Helm was named employment supervisor and then employment manager in 1974. Six years later, he was promoted to manager of the office. He retired in 1991. Helm was an alumnus of the University; he received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education in 1964 and 1967, respectively. He was a lifetime member of the UT Alumni Association and the UT Retirees Association, and he served on the board of the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women for nine years.

Patricia E. “Patsy” Kropp, Toledo, who helped establish the Satellites Auxiliary at the former Medical College of Ohio, died Nov. 28 at age 79. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Kenneth Kropp, a urologist, who was recruited to join the MCO faculty in 1971. Once in Toledo, Patsy became involved with early volunteer efforts for the new college and served as president of the Women’s Association. MCO President Marion Anderson asked Kropp to unite several volunteer groups on campus, and she helped found the Satellites Auxiliary and served as president of the organization. Later in life, she was a foster mom for newborns. Kropp also wrote five books, including a children’s story titled Three Bears and a Rabbit. Per Kropp’s request, her body was donated to UT Medical Center.

Ruth Pio, Toledo, an adjunct instructor in the MCO School of Nursing from 1986 to 1991, died Nov. 25 at age 82. She received a master of science degree in nursing from MCO in 1992.

Dr. William W. “Bill” Wolfe, Sylvania, a former faculty member who taught education and business classes, died Nov. 24 at age 67. The UT alumnus received a bachelor’s degree in 1976, a master of science degree in education in 1976, and a doctorate in health and physical education in 1994.
When going abroad, travelers should be cognizant of their health and safety, which is why Dr. Deepa Mukundan encourages them to visit The University of Toledo’s International Traveler’s Clinic prior to departure.

The International Traveler’s Clinic, which was started last year, is located in the Richard D. Ruppert Health Center on Health Science Campus. The clinic primarily serves children and young adults; however, adults are able to request appointments as well.

Mukundan, associate professor of pediatrics in the Division of Infectious Diseases, said the clinic was started because of the special needs of children, adolescents and young adults traveling abroad and the lack of a locally accessible comprehensive medical center for such services.

“Reading the news, you would know that there are many countries outside of the United States trying to contain outbreaks of infectious diseases,” she said. “In our clinic, we assess the risks associated with travel to these places and discuss how best we can minimize them through a comprehensive preventive care program that includes education, prophylactic medications and immunizations.”

“People are thanking me,” Cavanaugh said. “I consider this a great opportunity to express my thanks for the difference in their lives,” and for a gift that “validates the mission of the College of Business and Innovation.”

In his capacity as chief operating officer at HCR ManorCare, Cavanaugh has oversight responsibility for all of the company’s day-to-day operations as well as its public policy and government relations activities. He also serves as a member of the company’s board of directors.

HCR ManorCare is a post-acute health-care services company that operates skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, home health and hospice agencies, and outpatient rehabilitation clinics, with annual revenues in excess of $4 billion. The company does business in more than 500 locations nationwide and employs nearly 60,000 employees who provide care to more than 200,000 patients annually.

The Cavanaughs reside in Holland, Ohio, and are the parents of two children.

“I try to give my time to The University of Toledo and the College of Business,” Cavanaugh said. “I consider this a great opportunity to express my thanks for everything they have done for me. I really love this institution.”

“People are thanking me,” Cavanaugh said, “but reiterating [preventive care] does add another layer of protection, especially if it comes from a medical professional.”

The clinic offers various services, including counseling for the prevention of food and waterborne infections; advice on how to avoid mosquito and bug bites; chemoprophylaxis for infections such as malaria and traveler’s diarrhea; vaccinations against yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, typhoid and other diseases; updates of routine vaccines prior to travel; and post-trip evaluations and treatment for suspected travel-related infections.

“I have practiced medicine in other countries, and I also am well-traveled internationally,” Mukundan said. “I practice strategies that reduce my risk of acquiring infections, especially in countries that deal with a heavy burden of infectious diseases. In addition, I can give travel tips on how to navigate the customs and immigration and counseling on when and how to access health care in other countries.”

To make an appointment, patients should call the clinic; they are asked to make appointments four to eight weeks prior to their travel dates so that any treatments given will have adequate time to take effect. A full itinerary also is required prior to the appointment so that doctors can give complete safety recommendations for all places visited. A record of all counseling, chemoprophylaxis and vaccines administered will be sent to the referring physician.

For more information, contact the clinic at 419.383.3771 or toll free at 800.321.8383.
Three UT students and three employees are being recognized for their shots submitted to the International Education Week Photo Contest.

Elliott Free, a communication major, took first place in the student category for a photo of the Masaya Volcano in Managua, Nicaragua.

Ericka Bilby, who is pursuing a master of business administration degree, placed second with her shot of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, and Andrea Tsatalis, a biology major, took third place with a photo of Mystras, Greece.

In the faculty/staff category, Tamara Golkiewicz, secretary in the Geography and Planning Department and the Political Science and Public Administration Department, won first place with a photo taken in Tulum, Mexico.

Stephanie Goller, manager in the Office of Student Financial Aid, came in second with her shot that was taken in Venice, Italy, and Laurie Puszczewicz, a senior lecturer in Spanish, took third with her photo, “Eagles Nest,” which was taken in Germany.

The winning photos are on display in the Center for International Studies and Programs, located in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1000.

The contest was part of International Education Week, which was celebrated last month.
UTMC physician assistant receives 20 Under 40 Leadership Award

By Amanda Benjamin

Each year, leaders in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan are honored with the 20 Under 40 Leadership Recognition Award for contributions to their community. Sara Martino, a physician assistant in the Emergency Department at The University of Toledo Medical Center, is a recipient of one of the 2014 awards.

Martino was nominated for the award by Katie Bush, a nurse in the UTMC Emergency Department, who has worked with Martino for four years.

“She’s very driven and inspiring,” Bush said. “She juggles a lot — being a full-time mom, full-time worker and full-time volunteer.”

Bush said Martino was the reason that she decided to join the Junior League.

“She deserves the award,” Bush said. “She’s one of our leaders. She does a lot for others without asking for anything in return.”

Martino exemplifies the 20 Under 40 Award through her extensive community involvement. She has worked with the Junior League for eight years and currently is sustainer representative to the Volunteer Resources Council and has served as the nominating and placement chair and board secretary.

One Junior League event that Martino was especially proud to be part of was Kids in the Kitchen, where children learn how to eat healthy and exercise.

“I think that giving back to the community is one of the best things I can do,” Martino said. “I want my kids to see how important it is to give back and be involved in the community.”

Saying Martino is involved in the community is an understatement. She is:

• President of the Woodland Parent’s Club;
• Member of the executive board for Perrysburg Amateur Baseball/Softball Commission;
• Popcorn chair for Perrysburg Cub Scouts Pack 110; and
• An annual volunteer for Toledo’s Tent City.

In addition, she previously served as Region 5 director of the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants for three years and sat on the Governmental Affairs Committee, and was treasurer and vice president of the Northwest Ohio Chi Omega Alumnae Association.

For her efforts, Martino has received the 2014 UT Services to Students Award for 2014, and the UT Health and Human Services Young Alum Award at Homecoming in 2013. She also has been recognized by Toledo Parent News as the January Yark Mom in 2012 and was the 2012 recipient of the Junior League of Toledo’s Power of Woman Award.

In addition to being involved in her community, Martino is on UTMC’s Infectious Disease Team, which includes staff specially trained to care for infectious patients.

“I love UTMC,” Martino said. “I’ve been working here since I was 19 years old. When I come here, it’s like a second home.”

Martino received a bachelor of science degree in exercise science from UT; a master’s degree in health education and promotion from the UT, Bowling Green State University and MCO consortium program; and a master’s degree in physician assistant studies from UTMC. She is working on a doctorate in health education at UT and expects to finish that in fall 2015.

Martino lives in Perrysburg with her husband, Lenn, and three sons: Andrew, 7, Jacob, 6, and Benjamin, 1.

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from NCAA Divisions II, III and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The final roster of 20 award recipients will be unveiled in February.

A two-year captain, Drummond ranks second on the team in scoring with 12.8 points per game and is shooting 44.4 percent from three-point range. Drummond, a 2013-14 third-team All-MAC honoree, formed his own company, SparkC, last winter. As part of his company, Drummond has spoken to numerous youth groups in the Toledo and Washington, D.C., area about making good decisions and how to prepare for the future.

A 2014-15 team captain, Reecher has started all games this season, averaging 6.0 points, a team-high 5.8 rebounds, 0.8 assists and 0.8 steals in 23.0 minutes. She ranks sixth in the MAC in offensive boards (3.2 rebounds per game). While not on the court with the Rockets, Reecher serves as the president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes for the 2014-15 school year.

For the third year, the Allstate WBCA and NABC Good Works Teams help spotlight the off-the-court good works and service to others that often goes unnoticed and unrewarded. From creating organizations benefiting at-risk youth to volunteering overseas to help impoverished communities, there are countless remarkable stories of service among this year’s group of nominees. As full-time students and athletes, these players choose to dedicate their limited free time to improving the lives of those around them.

Members of the Allstate NABC Good Works Team will be invited by Allstate, an official corporate partner of the NCAA, to the 2015 NABC Convention and 2015 NCAA Men’s Final Four in Indianapolis, where they will participate in a community project benefiting the host city. Members of the Allstate WBCA Good Works Team will be recognized during the 2015 WBCA Convention and at the 2015 NCAAW Women’s Final Four in Tampa Bay, and also will participate in a local community project. Allstate is an official corporate partner of the WBCA, NABC and NCAA.

More information about the Allstate WBCA Good Works Team and the Allstate NABC Good Works Team is available at wbcacare.org and nabc.org.

NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT: Senior Justin Drummond and sophomore Sophie Reecher are among 251 nominees for the 2015 Allstate Women’s Basketball Coaches Association and National Association of Basketball Coaches Good Works Teams.
Still time to make a difference through employee charitable campaign

By Lindsay Mahaney

With donations nearing $85,000, The University of Toledo Community Charitable Campaign is hoping employees will help UT reach its goal of $125,000.

The University’s annual charity drive, better known as UTC3, is offered in conjunction with local organizations United Way of Greater Toledo, Community Health Charities of Ohio, Earth Share Ohio and Northwest Ohio Community Shares. The campaign will officially end Wednesday, Dec. 31, but will wrap up with a celebration breakfast Thursday, Dec. 11, leaving just a few days for UT employees to donate to be invited to attend the breakfast.

With a goal of $125,000, UTC3 is working to raise money for more than 200 local, regional and national organizations. As of Dec. 3, the campaign has raised $7,500 more than this time last year. And while more than 300 people have donated, that’s only about 6 percent of employees, according to Donna Braswell, business services officer in the Department of Biological Sciences and a UTC3 representative.

“Participation is important because once people start to give, they realize how good it feels,” Braswell said. “Even if it’s a small, small, small gift — to give and be part of something bigger than you, that’s what I think is important.”

Donors who give will receive a gift for their contributions of:

- $25 — UT tote bag;
- $100 — UT insulated tote and insulated water bottle;
- $250 or more — jolt charger;
- $500 or more — UT radio frequency identification (RFID) document holder; or
- $750 or more — both the RFID holder and the jolt charger.

An email providing information linking donors to the online pledging system and sharing stories of those helped by these organizations will be sent to UT employees this week.

Additional emails will follow throughout December to allow donors who’ve not yet made pledges a chance to give to the campaign.

Donations also can be turned in to the following campaign representatives:
- Donna Braswell, Wolfe Hall Room 1235L, Mail Stop 601;
- Vicki Riddick, Mail Stop 405.

For more information or to make an online donation, visit https://uwgt.aptisolutions.org/uwgt/crm/Home.jsp.

Satellites to hold battery, bulb sale Dec. 11

Power up for a bright holiday season: Stop by the Satellites Auxiliary’s batteries and bulbs sale Thursday, Dec. 11, from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Four Seasons Bistro Atrium.

“The average U.S. household has 61 light bulb sockets and 28 battery-powered devices,” Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites, said. “This sale will help you be prepared for every day, as well as the holidays for all the toys and gizmos.”

Specialty flashlights and auxiliary chargers will be for sale, and there will be a variety of light bulbs, including LED, miniature, appliance, halogen and fluorescent.

Purchased batteries can be replaced in up to three watches and/or key fobs.

Looking for a specialty battery? Ask at the sale.

Cash, check, credit cards and payroll deduction will be accepted.

Donations to the Satellites will be gratefully accepted, Brand said.

The Satellites Auxiliary promotes education, research and service programs; provides support of patient programs in accordance with the needs and approval of administration; conducts fundraising events; and provides volunteer services.

For more information on the annual battery sale, contact Brand at lynn.brand@utoledo.edu.

In the spirit of the season, employees who are attending the President’s Holiday Reception are asked to bring nonperishable food items and toiletries to benefit the new UT Student Food Pantry.

UT employees may schedule graduate photos

Faculty and staff or members of their families who will graduate from UT in December may contact the University Communications Office if they wish to have a photo taken and published in UT News.

Call Laurie Flowers at 419.530.2002 to schedule an appointment before Friday, Dec. 19.

Photos will appear in an upcoming issue of the paper.
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Thanks to agreements with the Red Wings, Tigers, Lions, Mud Hens, Cavaliers and Indians, you will see UT signage and hear our name throughout the teams’ home playing fields. You might even see our admission recruiters at some of the games, connecting with high school students and their families.

The teams also come to UT’s home turf to connect with current students. They take part in question-and-answer panels about the fields of business and sports management. They hold Twitter sessions to talk about career goals. And starting this fall, students will video conference with the teams to work on professional sports projects.

They say you are known by the company you keep, and UT is proud to be a team player.

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