Owens Corning CEO to address graduates Dec. 20

Mike Thaman, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Owens Corning, will be the speaker at The University of Toledo fall commencement ceremony Saturday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m. in Savage Arena.

He will address graduates from the colleges of Health Sciences; Adult and Lifelong Learning; Social Justice and Human Service; Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Business and Innovation; Communication and the Arts; Languages, Literature and Social Sciences; and the Judith Herb College of Education.

"Mike Thaman’s vision and leadership are truly aligned with the University’s..."
Chemistry professor named to science magazine’s power list

By Kevin Bucher

A University of Toledo professor of chemistry and biochemistry has been named as one of the most influential people in the field of analytical science.

Dr. Jared Anderson recently was named to the 2014 40 Under 40 Power List of the Analytical Scientist Magazine. The global list features 40 individuals younger than 40 who are having a big impact on the field of analytical science.

“The fact that we received worldwide recognition for the influence of our work in the field of analytical chemistry is quite gratifying,” Anderson said.

“It is a great honor to be named to that list, and it was only possible because of the teamwork and strong work ethic of my research group over the past nine years since I have been at UT,” Anderson said. “I’ve been able to work with an incredible group of graduate and undergraduate students, and I am extremely lucky and grateful for that.”

Most recently, Anderson has been working on developing sample preparation approaches with applications in the life sciences. Specifically, he is exploring new methods for the analysis of nucleic acids from environmental and biological samples.

“Our work runs the gamut from separating high-boiling petroleum samples using multidimensional chromatography to sample preparation within the biological sciences, predominately in the area of rapid DNA analysis,” Anderson said. “Ultimately, our goal is to create new tools for chemists and biochemists in industry and academia so they can address challenges within chemical separations.”

In 2010, Anderson received $850,000 in both federal and industrial grants; today that figure is more than $1,350,000.

“I am incredibly lucky to receive these grants in order to further my research; it leads to advancements in the field and new opportunities for my research team,” he said.

Anderson and his team also have been working with a company in California to make pharmaceutical drugs safer. Their goal is to create new tools and methods that can be used by analytical chemists all over the world to address current challenges in detecting and removing genotoxic impurities from pharmaceutical drugs.

“The international recognition Jared has received as one of the top analytical chemists worldwide validates our long-standing belief that he is an outstanding and creative scientist. He is also one of the department’s best teachers and mentors for our students,” Dr. Jon Kirchhoff, Distinguished University Professor and chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry, said.

Business professor serves as keynote speaker at West Point conference

By Bob Mackowiak

Dr. Clinton Longenecker, Stranahan Professor of Leadership and Organizational Excellence in The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation, was a keynote speaker at the 29th annual National State of Ethics in America Conference at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

The theme of this year’s conference was “Inspiriting Honorable Living — Moving From Compliance to Internalization,” which addressed ways to inspire someone to live above and beyond the honor code, regulations and prohibitions.

The goal was to have participants leave the conference inspired to live honorably, build trust, and influence others to do the same.

Longenecker is a frequent speaker for senior U.S. military leaders on the subject of leadership, the ethical challenges associated with success and power, and how to avoid ethical failure.

“I have three years of doing programs and projects with senior military leaders and have spoken at all of the military senior graduate schools, but to have the opportunity to speak at West Point was both humbling and remarkable,” Longenecker said. “The place is a cornerstone of U.S. history; you are surrounded by it and deeply moved by what you see.”

“I spoke about my research about the Bathsheba Syndrome — a leader’s potential inability to cope with and respond to the byproducts of success, the ethical temptations leaders face, and how not to get caught up in wrongful, unethical behavior,” he said.

Comments from evaluations completed by cadets after the conference included:

• “In our profession, we often discuss errors of others after we find out that they have occurred. With Dr. Longenecker’s methodology, we can learn to have the hard conversations before they become embarrassing or toxic behavior patterns.”

Longenecker said, “The cadets and military leaders are driven to success, which can be a very good thing, but I know I shook up their thinking when it comes to ethical leadership, character and competency, and the dangers of success.”

Also presenting at the conference was Rachel Maddow, host of the nationally broadcast MSNBC program “The Rachel Maddow Show,” who spoke on her book Drift, concerning politics and the use of military force.

After the conference, one cadet wrote, “I liked how the second day presentations fed into one another; it was like Rachel Maddow asked questions and Clinton Longenecker answered them.”
New doctoral program to graduate first three students

By Samantha Watson

The first three graduates of a new PhD program at The University of Toledo will cross the stage at commencement, and all of them have already started their careers.

These students completed the PhD Program in Spatially Integrated Social Science, which began in 2009 in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences. It is a program that combines aspects of spatial technologies — such as geographic information systems, Global Positioning System and Google Earth with social sciences, including geography, economics and public health — to create a unique mixture of expertise and address a wide range of important issues.

“A lot of it is focused on location — where are the ideal locations for infrastructure, for populations, or in moving goods and materials from one area to another,” said Dr. Patrick Lawrence, professor and chair of the Department of Geography and Planning, home of the new program.

Even before coming to UT, spatially integrated social science was a major initiative of the National Science Foundation that started at several research centers, including the University of California-Santa Barbara. The field has been identified as a major area of job growth by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Though one program, students can tailor their experience based on their academic interests within the social sciences. For example, one student can study the efficiency of transporting goods via rail or ship, while another can research how public health services are impacted by location.

This variety begins with the program’s six required courses, but students can

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started using the term University of Toledo Health.”

According to Cooper and Morlock, in the coming weeks and months, UT Health will become the formal way the University refers to its health-care operations.

“The name of our hospital is not changing,” they wrote, “but the way we would ask you to think about how and where we deliver health care is.

Increasingly, UT Health professionals are offering care across northwest Ohio. It is our hope in the months and years to come that, through investment, affiliations and partnerships, our geographic footprint continues to grow.

“So, if you worked at UTMC or UTP yesterday, you will continue to work there next week and next month.

The change, they said, is that employees now work for and are a part of UT Health, a network of health-care professionals and clinical locations. Over time, the University will incorporate the UT Health brand into its locations in Waterville, Fallen Timbers, Bellevue and the numerous other sites where UT offers outstanding care.

“I know this institution has experienced multiple name changes in the past decade and that a new organizational name can be initially disorienting. But we are not changing the names of our facilities. We are adding one, overarching brand so that our patients know that no matter where they get their care, if it comes from a UT Health professional, then they are in great hands,” Cooper and Morlock wrote.

“Thank you for all you do for the health of our patients and for northwest Ohio. It is my belief that adopting University of Toledo Health will emphasize the incredible breadth of that effort across our region.”

In memoriam

Dale Beaudry, Toledo, who worked at UT for three decades, died Dec. 1 at age 92. He joined the staff as a carpenter in 1947 and resigned in 1951 to rejoin the U.S. Navy for the Korean War. He was rehired in 1952 and was named carpenter foreman in 1965. He retired from the University in 1978.

Jack K. Paquette, Toledo, retired vice president and director of corporate relations at Owens-Illinois Inc., died Dec. 5 at age 89. A history maven, Paquette acquired archival documents and photographs while working at Owens-Illinois for more than 30 years and later researching and writing about the glass industry in Toledo. He gave the materials, titled the Jack Paquette Collection on Northwest Ohio’s Glass Industry, to the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections in 2003. Paquette was a former member of the UT President’s Council. Memorials are suggested to The University of Toledo Foundation, designated for the Canaday Center to support the Paquette Collection.

Correction

A headline for a story about Dr. Steve Sucheck receiving the Discover Award from the Ohio Cancer Research Associates in the Dec. 1 issue of UT News had his title wrong. As stated in the story, he is an associate professor of chemistry.

UT appoints new dean of College of Health Sciences

By Aimee Portala

A national leader in health-care education is returning to The University of Toledo to head the College of Health Sciences beginning Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Dr. Christopher Ingersoll has accepted the position of dean of the College of Health Sciences. Ingersoll received his PhD in biomechanics with a minor in research and statistics from UT.

“We are excited to welcome Dr. Ingersoll to UT. His experience will prove a valuable asset for the College of Health Sciences, and the University as a whole,” said John Barrett, interim provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. “Health-care professionals are integral to the growth and success of our nation and our world. Dr. Ingersoll’s leadership will greatly benefit our students now and in the future.”

“I am deeply honored to return to my alma mater and for the opportunity to work with the talented and motivated faculty, staff and students in the college,” Ingersoll said. “Together, we will be able to continue to build the already popular and highly regarded programs in the college, and raise the national and international profiles of those programs.”

Ingersoll most recently served as the dean of the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions at Central Michigan University. He previously spent a number of years at the University of Virginia, Indiana State University and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and held many leadership positions.

“I also look forward to the opportunity to work with the faculty to increase research contributions and community outreach activities that improve the quality of life for people in northwest Ohio and beyond,” Ingersoll said.

He holds a bachelor of science in sports medicine and athletic training from Marietta College, and a master of arts in athletic training from Indiana State University.

Ingersoll was chosen to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Dr. Beverly Schmoll, who served as a dean at UT for six years.

“Dr. Schmoll masterfully guided the health professions for the University. She elevated the College of Health Sciences and provided a strong foundation for Dr. Ingersoll to cultivate and develop,” Barrett said. “We are grateful for her dedication and commitment to UT.”
GoDaddy Bowl

Information will be announced as it becomes available.

Sideline tickets for the game are $45 each and can be ordered online at UTrocketsTIX.com, by phone at 419.530.4653, or in person at the ticket office until Tuesday, Dec. 30. All tickets will be held at the UT Ticket Office for pickup until 5 p.m. Dec. 30.

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commitment to best equip our students with the knowledge and guidance that will help them succeed,” said Dr. Nagi Naganathan, UT interim president.

There are 2,252 candidates for degrees, including 113 doctoral candidates, 594 master’s candidates and 1,461 bachelor’s candidates. The remaining 84 candidates are for education specialist and associate’s degrees, as well as graduate certificates.

The ceremony will be broadcast live on video.utoledo.edu.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be rescheduled for Sunday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m. in Savage Arena.

Thaman has held positions in manufacturing, corporate development and international business since joining Owens Corning, a world leader in building materials and composite systems, in 1992.

His titles have included vice president and president of the Engineered Pipe Systems business headquartered in Brussels; vice president and president of Owens Corning’s Exterior Systems Business; and senior vice president and chief financial officer.

A longtime corporate strategist, Thaman emphasizes a human-proportioned approach in helping American businesses thrive.

When he accepted a company leadership award from the National Safety Council earlier this year, he focused on the human rights aspect of company safety: “For more than 75 years, Owens Corning has understood the importance of having engaged, productive employees who arrive home to their families and friends, without incident, the same way they left.”

Prior to joining Owens Corning, Thaman spent six years as a strategy consultant at Mercer Management Consulting, where he was a vice president in the New York office.

He serves as director of Florida Power & Light Co., Owens Corning Fabricating Solutions and Advanced Glassfiber Yarns LLC. For Nex/Era Energy Inc., Thaman was an independent director for more than 10 years and its lead director until this year. He served as a director of AGY Holding Corp., and as director of Florida Power & Light Group Inc.

Thaman earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and computer science from Princeton University.

Other UT commencement ceremonies taking place are:

• College of Engineering: graduate commencement Thursday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m.; undergraduate commencement Saturday, Dec. 20, at 3 p.m. Both ceremonies will be held in Nitschke Hall Auditorium.

• College of Nursing: Friday, Dec. 19, at 1 p.m. in Nitschke Hall Auditorium.

For more information, visit utoledo.edu/commencement.

New doctoral program

subsequently choose three different seminars and three different electives from the four departments involved: Geography and Planning; Economics; Political Science and Public Administration; and Sociology and Anthropology. This provides a learning experience that’s tailored to the student’s research interests.

“Not only is this an outstanding program that allows students to focus on spatial studies and tie that to their own interests, but the students are fortunate to work with wonderful faculty who provide exceptional guidance in their roles as mentors,” said April Ames, one of the program’s new graduates and now an assistant professor in the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

Ames’ research is on the application of geographic information systems in evaluation of the association of health symptoms with fields that use biosolids, organic matter recycled from sewage and used in agriculture. Prior to her dissertation, she worked for Dr. Kevin Czajkowski, a UT professor in the Department of Geography and Planning, on a USDA-funded project related to various aspects of biosolids, so her research in spatially integrated social science was a natural extension of her work.

“Although I’ve worked and studied in the environmental and occupational health fields, I’ve always remained passionate toward my interest in geospatial applications,” Ames said. “The Spatially Integrated Social Science Program gave me a venue to further my education and tie my interests together.”

Ames is one of three students who will be at commencement Saturday, Dec. 20. She will be joined by Qi-Feng (Eric) Wang, who is now working in Seattle, and Jeff Eloff, who defended his dissertation this semester.

The program, which is the only one of its kind in Ohio, currently has 17 students and accepts new students each fall. It is a four- to five-year program, depending on the length of time students take on their dissertations.

Current areas of graduate research within the program include intermodal freight, location analysis of level one trauma centers, and the planning for urban trails. Faculty in the program have been able to secure external funding to support work by many of the doctoral students from the National Science Foundation, NASA, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Graduate students have received several awards for their research and presented their work at national and regional professional conferences and meetings.

“We think we’ve hit on something successful,” Lawrence said. “There’s a demand for it, there’s an interest in it, and the program is showing success in terms of the students being able to go through the program, do the research, get funding, give presentations, complete publications, and being able to secure full-time career jobs in both academia and the private sector.”
**JAN**

- Snow and brutal cold cancel classes and close the University three days during the month.
- Student-athletes earn a grade point average of 3.145 for fall semester. It’s the 10th consecutive semester the Rockets have posted a combined GPA of 3.1 or higher.
- UT’s efforts to attract a more diversified student body lead to some of its highest online and international numbers. A total of 150 new students are taking classes completely online spring semester, and 350 international students are enrolled. Overall enrollment is 19,037; overall spring enrollment in 2013 was 19,795.
- Diane Nash, who joined the civil rights movement and continued the Freedom Rides, is the keynote speaker for the 30th annual Conference for Aspiring Minority Youth.
- Some 1,700 attend the 13th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Celebration in Savage Arena.
- A farewell reception is held for Dr. Jeffrey Gold, chancellor and executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, who left the University to serve as chancellor of the University of Nebraska’s medical center. Dr. Ron McGinnis, a graduate of MCO who returned to his alma mater as a faculty member in 1995, is named interim dean of the College of Medicine.
- More than 500 people don neckwear at UT’s Tie One On and raise some $30,000 for cancer care, awareness and outreach. At 517 participants, it tops the then-existing Guinness World Record of 417.
- Business strategy expert Richard Rumelt speaks at the University as part of the Jesup Scott Honors College Lecture Series.
- Dr. William Messer begins his new job as vice president for research. The UT professor of pharmacology is known for his research into Alzheimer’s disease.
- Dr. Penny Poplin Gosetti is named dean of the Judith Herb College of Education. She joined UT as a faculty member in 1994.
- Dr. Michael Crow, president of Arizona State University, discusses the future of higher education as part of the Jesup Scott Honors College Lecture Series.
- Dr. Mario Capecchi, who received the Nobel Prize for his work in physics, speaks in the Collier Building.
- President Lloyd Jacobs announces he will step down June 30.

**FEB**

- The College of Law caps tuition and guarantees that new full-time students who are residents of Ohio or Michigan entering in fall 2014 will pay no more than $17,900 per year in tuition for all three years of law school.
- The Hanban Performance Troupe takes the stage of Doermann Theater as part of the Confucius Institute’s celebration of the Chinese Spring Festival and Lantern Festival.
- Dr. Lancelot C.A. Thompson, professor emeritus of chemistry and 55-year UT veteran, is honored by having a meeting room in the Student Union named for him.
- Jason Candle, associate head football coach and offensive coordinator, is named one of the top 10 recruiters in the country among “non-Big Six” conferences by Rivals.com.
- The University hosts the first and second rounds of the Division I NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament in Savage Arena.
- UT’s men’s basketball team captures a share of its eighth MAC regular-season title, appears in its eighth National Invitation Tournament in program history, and posts its first unbeaten home record (fourth in school history) since the 1966-67 season.
- Rhonda Wingfield, director of budget and planning at the University, is named interim CEO of UT Innovation Enterprises.
- Roy Armes, CEO of Cooper Tire and 1975 UT mechanical engineering graduate, and his wife, Marcia, give $1 million for the Engineering Leadership Institute, which is renamed the Roy and Marcia Armes Engineering Leadership Institute.
- A total of 167 fourth-year medical students learn where they will train for their residencies at Match Day.
- C. William Fall is named chair of UT Innovation Enterprises.
- The Crossings is renamed Presidents Hall to honor 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 15th President Daniel M. Johnson.
APR

- The College of Law is ranked by the U.S. News & World Report among its top tier law schools. The college is ranked 140 out of 194 law schools accredited by the American Bar Association.
- Head Men’s Basketball Coach Tod Kowalczyk signs an agreement that extends his contract through the 2020-21 season.
- UT and Bowling Green State University sign a letter of agreement to develop the Northwest Ohio Aviation Education Consortium.
- The UT Board of Trustees approve a resolution to ban the use of tobacco products on Main Campus; all campuses will be tobacco-free by August.
- UT opens the nation’s most advanced health-care training facility, the three-story, 65,000-square-foot Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center on Health Science Campus.
- Nicole Hollingsworth is named MAC Women’s Golf Coach of the Year.

JUN

- UT continues to expand its brand and recruiting reach into southeast Michigan, partnering with the Detroit Lions.
- Jeffrey Cole, senior director of corporate communications for Dana Holding Corp., is appointed by Ohio Gov. John Kasich to serve on the UT Board of Trustees until July 1, 2020.
- UTMC’s Senior Behavioral Health Center opens.
- Trustees approve the fiscal year 2015 $790.8 million budget that includes tuition increases of 2.39 percent for undergraduate students and 1 percent for graduate students; however, there is no increase in the general fee. Tuition is unchanged for students in the College of Law. Undergraduate scholarships are increased for tuition assistance. The budget also includes a 2 percent salary increase for non-bargaining unit employees.
- It is announced Norma Tomlinson, who joined the organization in 2005 and serves as associate vice president of UTMC, will retire Sept. 12. Dr. Carl Sirio will serve as chief operating officer for UTMC, as well as chief clinical and chief medical officer. Simultaneously, Dr. McGinnis, interim dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, announced that Sirio has been named senior associate dean for clinical affairs. Sirio is re-elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association.
- Men’s Golf Coach Jamie Broce finishes second in the 47th PGA Professional National Championship and qualifies for the PGA Championship Aug. 7-10 at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky.
- President Jacobs is nominated to be a Distinguished Fellow with the Council on Competitiveness in Washington, D.C. The Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center is named in his honor.
- Dr. Nagi Naganathan, dean of the UT College of Engineering, is named interim president of the University. His appointment begins July 1.
- Interim President Naganathan recommends John Barrett, UT vice provost for faculty relations and accreditation, and assessment and program review since 2012, to be interim provost.

MAY

- Belle and Allen, the peregrine falcons that nest atop University Hall, have two chicks. The longtime couple has 24 offspring.
- Linda Amrou, a third-year UT law student, is elected the national president of the International Law Students Association.
- Dr. James Madara, CEO and executive vice president of the American Medical Association, and U.S. Sen. Rob Portman address some 250 students who are candidates for degrees at the College of Medicine commencement.
- Dr. Mary R. Smith, UT professor of medicine and pathology, gives the keynote address at the Medical College of Ohio’s 50th anniversary celebration in the Radisson Hotel on Health Science Campus. More than 350 people attend the May 31 event to commemorate when Ohio Gov. James Rhodes signed legislation in 1964 to establish MCO, which merged with UT in 2006.
- Dr. Scott Scarborough, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, is named the 16th president of the University of Akron. He starts the job July 1.
- The NCAA Academic Progress Rate figures for the four-year period from 2009-10 to 2012-13 show all 16 UT sports well above the “cut point” of 930, with women’s swimming leading the way with 998. The football program has an APR score of 974, which ranks No. 1 in the Mid-American Conference. Men’s basketball shows the biggest improvement, moving from 902 a year ago to 944.
- Landscaping and construction south of Memorial Field House begin to make the street and sidewalk safer. Trees and shrubs are planted on the lawn, which will continue to be used as a green space.
- Trustees vote May 27 to partner with Witt/Kieffer of Oak Brook, Ill., to help manage the presidential search.
- It is announced that Interim President Naganathan is appointed by the Chandra Group in India and managing trustee of the GRG Trust, address 2,711 candidates for degrees at commencement ceremonies.

JUN
JULY

- Joseph Zerbey IV, president and general manager for The Blade, continues as chair of the UT Board of Trustees, and Sharon Speyer, president of the Northeast Ohio Region for Huntington National Bank, continues as vice chair.

- Members of the Communication Workers of America Local 4319 and the Board of Trustees approve a new three-year contract between the University and the union.

- UT is one of 14 institutions selected to be a part of the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning’s Competency-Based Education Jump Start initiative this fall.

- Kristen Butler is hired as head softball coach.

- Dr. Gary Insch, former associate dean for graduate programs and associate professor of management at West Virginia University, starts his new job as dean of the College of Business and Innovation.

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- The renovated Larimer Athletic Complex opens.

SEPT

- The women’s soccer team beats the Ohio State Buckeyes in double overtime, 1-0.

- Members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Ohio Council 8 and AFSCME Local 2415, representing about 1,900 employees on Health Science Campus, vote to accept a tentative three-year agreement, which also is approved by the Board of Trustees.

- Dr. Christopher Cooper, UT chair of the Department of Medicine and cardiologist, is named dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences and senior vice president for clinical affairs.

- Some 10,000 to 12,000 attend the 22nd annual Art on the Mall.

- More than 8,000 attend Music Fest, which features Mike Posner; David Cook; Alexander Zonjic, The Motor City Horns and Serieux; and The Infatuations.

AUG

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- Political strategist Karl Rove, who served as senior adviser to President George W. Bush for seven years and led Bush’s two election campaigns, addresses a sold-out Doermann Theater to start the 2014-15 Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series.

- Dr. Michael Sandel, the political philosopher from Harvard University and best-selling author, discusses “Doing the Right Thing in Public and Private Life” at the Edward Shapiro Distinguished Lecture in Nitschke Hall Auditorium.

- The University receives the 2014 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine.

- The new Alan Barry Accounting Lab, which is named for its generous benefactor and 1966 UT alumnus, is dedicated in the Savage & Associates Business Complex Room.

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OCT

• The UT Sailing Club beats 50 other schools to win the Paul Hoffman Perpetual Trophy at the Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta in Larchmont, N.Y.
• More than 200 attend the two-day uHeart Digital Media Conference at the Radisson Hotel on Health Science Campus. Brian Kibby, president of McGraw-Hill Higher Education, talks about the importance of positivity and risk-taking during the keynote address.

NOV

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DEC

• The UT Fulldome Studio production of “Santa’s Secret Star” premieres in Ritter Planetarium.

• The Toledo Rockets accept an invitation to the 2015 GoDaddy Bowl in Mobile, Ala., where they will face the Arkansas State Red Wolves Sunday, Jan. 4. The game will be televised by ESPN at 8 p.m. Central/9 p.m. Eastern.

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Business student publishes book on leadership

By Lindsay Mahaney

Writing a book is a feat many people do not accomplish in a lifetime, but 22-year-old Jerry Palermo managed to do it before graduating college.

Palermo, a fourth-year international business and professional sales major, authored the book, Leadership Overhaul: Discover Yourself, Understand Others, Impact the World, which was released on Amazon in October.

The book explores personality types and traits that comprise a good leader, how to nurture those traits in yourself, and how to apply yourself as a leader in the world.

There are three main points that Palermo said he would want readers to take away from the book: the different types of people and their intelligences, how to make a difference in the lives of others, and that it doesn’t matter where you start as long as you’re motivated to do more. These three points coincide with the three aspects in the title, which Palermo said are all necessary to be a good leader.

Palermo also has a personal mantra, which he emphasizes in the book: “Do something, not be something.”

“I started to make a difference in the lives of others when I started to do things without expecting anything in return, when I set out to do something, not be something,” he said. “A lot of people set out to be president of the United States or CEO of a company, an actor or a model; but the big question is what do you do when you get there?”

Palermo explained that when you set out to be something, you may lose yourself along the way. Rather, setting out to do something allows you to explore what you’re passionate about and makes for a better leader, he said.

That favorite phrase came from one of Palermo’s mentors: U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur. Palermo said he met Kaptur when he was in high school at an awards program for the Medical Mission Hall of Fame, a foundation that honors individuals for their humanitarian efforts. He asked her how he could help make a difference in the Toledo community.

Kaptur challenged Palermo to “do something, not be something.” She also encouraged him to find some community service projects, which led to the cultivation of the Palermo Foundation.

The foundation started out with a goal to fight hunger and rising food prices by raising money to build agricultural structures in the community. The organization partners with interested businesses to place the structures on their property, then donates the fresh produce to local food shelters. Its growth continued as it aided businesses with their community outreach and contract work for the federal government.

When asked if he was a natural leader, Palermo said: “I don’t know if there is such a thing as a natural leader. I think you have to be motivated. People might mistake that as a natural leader. You’re always on the go and looking for the next big thing. When I look back on it, I wouldn’t really say that I’ve always had leadership tendencies, but I would say I’ve always had a goal in mind, and I’ve always strived to achieve them.”

As for what’s next, Palermo said he recently accepted a position at 3M, an American multinational conglomerate formerly known as Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., which he will start after he graduates next August. Moving forward, Palermo hopes to integrate his book into corporate training and development seminars for 3M and other businesses.

The book is available online at amazon.com.

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Med student writes about mustard gas, its connection to chemotherapy

By Samantha Watson

Though mustard gas was introduced as a chemical weapon during World War I, it later became the foundation of modern chemotherapy.

That’s what Sean Gallagher, a University of Toledo fourth-year medical student, wrote about in a recent publication in the World Journal of Clinical Urology.

His article, “From the Battlefield to the Bladder: The Development of thioTEPA,” takes a look at how the science behind mustard gas evolved into modern treatments of cancer. He specifically looks at thioTEPA, a molecule that was developed out of mustard gas research and is used in today’s treatment of bladder cancer.

When mustard gas first appeared in war, military physicians had seen nothing like it, so they began recording everything they could about its effects. Later, researchers analyzed the information and noticed that those who were exposed to the gas had low blood cell counts. They hypothesized that because patients with cancer usually have high blood cell counts, the use of the chemical could be a beneficial treatment.

It was this discovery that led to the testing of these chemicals on cancer patients, and later the development and use of similar compounds that had different effects. Some of the compounds developed then are still used in modern chemotherapy.

“They’re work really gave birth to a whole new field of research,” Gallagher said.

Though Gallagher has always had an interest in history, his article was something he didn’t expect to be able to do in medical school.

“It’s really cool that, being in the medical field, I can still pursue my interest in history,” Gallagher said. “I thought that was something I gave up, or at least that I’d be relegated to reading books.”

The door opened for Gallagher when he joined UT’s History of Medicine Club, led by Dr. Steven Selman, professor and chair of urology. Each student in the club does a research project and an informal presentation, but more often than not, that research becomes a publication — as was the case with Gallagher.

“It was a neat process because it was a bit different than more traditional health science research,” Gallagher said. “Really, you’re just trying to learn the story about how someone else made a big breakthrough.”

Gallagher said he really enjoyed reviewing the other articles, which took him two years to compile and draw conclusions from.

“It was a really fun process,” he said. “Taking that chemical weapon and seeing it turn into something useful is kind of neat.”

Gallagher is finishing his last year of medical school at UT and will be matched with a residency in March. His chosen field is pediatrics, and his wife, Mae, another fourth-year medical student at the University, plans to go into family medicine.
It was my honor (flight)

By Dr. Matthew Womack

Both of my late grandfathers served in the United States Army. One was a paratrooper that broke his back after a parachute malfunction during World War II, and the other was in the infantry during the Korean War. I did not have the privilege of hearing any stories about their experiences. As I have grown older, I have always regretted not inquiring more about what life was like during their time in the service.

Earlier this year, I was approached by Dr. Valerie Lint, my associate program director at The University of Toledo Medical Center, and was chosen to participate in the Honor Flight Northwest Ohio as a medical director. I had no idea what that meant or what the program was.

Honor Flight was established in 2005 as a nonprofit organization with the purpose of sending all WWII veterans to Washington, D.C., to see the war memorials constructed to honor them and their service. As time passed, Honor Flight expanded its services to take Korean War veterans as well.

Thinking of my grandfathers, it was an absolute honor to be chosen for this trip to ensure that men and women who served alongside them had the opportunity to visit their memorials. Since its start, this program has taken nearly 81,000 veterans to Washington, D.C. The northwest Ohio section was started in 2007 and has made 35 flights taking 1,872 veterans.

From a medical standpoint, this program was a well-oiled machine that went above and beyond when it came to ensuring the safety of the veterans. As one of the medical directors for the flight, truth be told, there wasn’t a whole lot for me to do. The program had all of its precautions and protocols already in place. As an emergency medicine resident, I was there in case of an emergency. However, as part of my role, I was also a “guardian” for a veteran during the trip. The veteran I was responsible for was an 83-year-old gentleman who served in the Korean War. Aside from overseeing any unforeseen medical issues, my job was to make sure my veteran had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity he deserved.

I met my veteran and his wife over breakfast before we left for the day. From the start, they were grateful that I was volunteering my time. I promised his wife that I would take good care of him, and then he and I were off. Honor Flight arranged a grand sendoff, including a line of photographers, flag bearers and water cannons shooting over the chartered 737 prior to takeoff.

It was a quick flight to Washington Dulles International Airport, where we were greeted with a line of people seemingly all the way through the airport cheering, waving flags, and thanking and hugging each veteran individually. It brought tears to my veteran’s eyes and was one of the most touching moments of my life.

After we were loaded onto our buses, we were transported to the memorial mall. After lunch, we set off to explore. Even though he did not serve in WWII, my veteran was so proud to have his picture taken by the Ohio pillar in the WWII monument. As I pushed him through the mall, we laughed and made jokes and enjoyed the breeze in the 95-degree heat.

Our next monument was the Korean War Veterans Memorial. He quickly quieted down as we approached the back side of the monument. Once we were at the back of the monument, I asked him what he thought. He went on to tell me about the mountains and jungles he experienced in Korea. He shared that he worked in the motor pool and began to open up about what being involved in the war was like for him. Some of the statues in the monument carried rifles, and he was able to tell me about each one. I could not help but notice him start to smile as he continued to tell his story.

Several photographs later, we pulled most of the veterans into the shade around the monument to take a break from the sun. All of them sat and smiled as they looked over the monument. We pointed out the inscriptions to them, made sure they were staying well hydrated in the heat, and enjoyed ice cream together.

Later, we passed the Lincoln Memorial and admired the Washington Monument in the reflecting pool. My veteran wanted to see the Vietnam Memorial, so we strolled the length of it on our way back to the bus. Everyone reloaded onto the buses, and then we went to Arlington Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the changing of the guard. My veteran absolutely loved the ceremony.

On our way back to the airport from the cemetery, we received a presidential escort from the local police and did not have to stop at a light or a stop sign during the 35-minute trip. My veteran said it made him feel like a movie star.

It was another short flight back home. As we got off the plane, I wheeled my veteran down a red carpet and into the hangar where more than 600 people were awaiting our arrival. A band was playing as my veteran was welcomed home like the hero that he is. We made our way through the crowd after stopping for dozens of hellos, pictures and handshakes.

I’m 6’6” so his wife had no trouble tracking us down and welcomed us both home with a kiss on the cheek. He immediately started to talk of our day. I was showing her some of the photos I had taken over the course of the day when I was pulled away for a medical emergency. It was a rushed goodbye filled with hugs from him, his wife and several of his friends.

This is the last year that Honor Flight Northwest Ohio will be organizing trips for veterans. It’s not due to a lack of donations, lack of volunteers, or lack of desire to provide the experience for these veterans. They are running out of veterans. Father Time is certainly playing a role, but it speaks to the accomplishment of this amazing organization.

It was an honor and a privilege to be able to contribute to that day for my veteran. I choose to believe that my grandfathers were with me every step of that day. It was a day that I imagined would be about a need for a medical provider, but turned out to be a day that I will never forget for many other sentimental reasons.

Womack is a third-year resident in the UT Emergency Medicine Program.
UT employees may schedule graduate photos

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