Celebrate unity at UT on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By Samantha Watson

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

This quote is the theme of the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Celebration, which will take place Monday, Jan. 19, at 9 a.m. in Savage Arena at The University of Toledo. The 14th annual celebration will be held to commemorate the life and legacy of the Nobel Peace Prize winner.

The theme could not be more fitting; each year, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is dedicated to helping others.

“As we begin this new year of 2015, it is the perfect time to volunteer alongside our neighbors to better our community,” said Dr. Nagi Naganathan. UT received Carnegie Foundation’s Community Engagement Classification

One of the nation’s top educational foundations has recognized The University of Toledo for its focus on community engagement.

UT is among 240 U.S. colleges and universities to receive the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching’s 2015 Community Engagement Classification.

“This is a recognition we chose to pursue because we feel it aligns so closely with the myriad ways we engage with our city and our region,” said UT Interim President Nagi Naganathan. “Thriving and effective institutions of higher learning have countless relationships that are deeply interwoven into the communities they serve. UT has embraced this mission, and we are grateful to the Carnegie Foundation for their recognition of our success.”

Unlike the foundation’s other classifications that rely on national data, this is an elective classification — institutions participated voluntarily by submitting required materials describing the nature and extent of their engagement with the community, be it local or beyond. This approach enabled the foundation to address elements of institutional mission and distinctiveness that are not represented in the national data on colleges and universities.

“The importance of this elective classification is borne out by the response of Presidential adviser continues Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series

By Jon Strunk

Former presidential adviser and political strategist Paul Begala will continue The University of Toledo’s Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series speaking in Doermann Theater at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Begala is a commentator and member of the CNN political team that won an Emmy for its coverage of the 2006 U.S. elections and a Peabody Award for its coverage of the 2008 presidential election.

In the 2012 presidential campaign, he was a senior adviser for the pro-Obama Super Political Action Committee. As a White House counselor to Bill Clinton, he functioned as one of the president’s closest aides. A consultant for political campaigns across the country and around the world, Begala has advised politicians in Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa.

Currently an affiliated professor of public policy at Georgetown University, Begala also has taught at the University of Texas and the University of Georgia. He is UT’s fifth annual Tie One On to take place Jan. 24

By Aimee Portala

The University of Toledo is hosting the fifth annual Tie One On event Saturday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in Savage Arena.

Since 2011, Tie One On has raised more than $70,000 toward the fight against prostate cancer. All proceeds benefit UT’s Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center.

For $100, Rocket fans receive a ticket to the men’s basketball game vs. Bowling Green State University, and a UT bow tie. Students can purchase tickets at a discounted rate of $20. Tickets can be purchased online at utoledo.edu/tieoneon.

Head Coach Tod Kowalczyk and his staff will wear bow ties during the game in support of the cause. An online auction presented by Morgan Stanley

featuring custom Tie One On game-worn jerseys will take place.

In addition to its local efforts, UT is taking the Tie One On initiative across the state. As part of a new partnership with presented by GoDaddy

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Fall commencement

Mike Thaman, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Owens Corning, above left, received an honorary doctorate of business administration from UT Interim President Nagi Naganathan during the fall commencement ceremony Dec. 20 in Savage Arena. Thaman told 2,252 candidates for degrees to live large, push their limits, and see what they can accomplish.

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Naganathan, UT interim president. “Be inspired to serve others and take a look at what we can accomplish together.”

The Unity Celebration will feature remarks from Naganathan, Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins, and several guest speakers.

There also will be performances by the Woodward High School chorus, saxophonist Arthur Bishop, the band FUSION, a bugpipe player, the Woodward High School Band, and the Toledo School for the Arts’ Afro-Caribbean Dance and Drums.

Also to be recognized are this year’s recipients of The University of Toledo’s 2014 MLK Scholarship, which was established in 1969 shortly after King’s death. Thanks to Paramount Advantage, the scholarship has been funded for the past 20 years.

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so many campuses that have demonstrated their deep engagement with local, regional, national and global communities,” said John Saltmarsh, director of the New England Resource Center for Higher Education.

“These are campuses that are improving teaching and learning, producing research that makes a difference in communities, and revitalizing their civic and academic missions.”

“With the Carnegie Classification, we are looking for the kinds of things that will be sustainable over time,” said Amy Driscoll, consulting scholar for the Community Engagement Classification, “and we are seeing renewed institutional commitment, advanced curricular and assessment practices, and deeper community partnerships, all sustained through changes in campus leadership, and within the context of a devastating economic recession.”

Among first-time recipients of the classification, 47 are public institutions and 36 are private. In terms of Carnegie’s Basic Classification, 28 are classified as research universities, such as The University of Toledo. They represent campuses in 33 states and U.S. territories. In order to be selected, institutions had to provide descriptions and examples of institutionalized practices of community engagement that showed alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices.

UT’s application was spearheaded by the president’s Chief of Staff Office and included contributions and examples of community engagement from all of the University’s colleges. More than 70 individuals on campus provided input and assistance in the almost yearlong application process.

Naganathan expressed his thanks to UT President Emeritus Lloyd Jacobs for his leadership in launching this effort.

A listing of the institutions that hold the Community Engagement Classification can be found on the New England Resource Center for Higher Education’s website at nerche.org.

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a member of the Board of Visitors of MD Anderson Cancer Center and the Board of Visitors of the University of Georgia. Along with his professional partner James Carville and GOP strategist Karl Rove, he was a 2012 inductee into the American Association of Political Consultants’ Hall of Fame.

Begala received his bachelor’s degree in government and his law degree from the University of Texas at Austin, where he was the student body president.

Rove, fellow Texan and political adversary, spoke at UT in September as part of the lecture series. Rove was a political adviser for George W. Bush and serves as a political strategist.

Tickets for the event are free, although seating is limited. To obtain tickets, visit utole.do/begala.
Renee’s Survivor Shop finds new home at Dana Cancer Center

By Lindsay Mahaney

While cancer patients and their families are struggling with new realities, Renee Schick wants to provide a comforting environment to find everything they need.

Renee’s Survivor Shop, located on the first floor of the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Private evening appointments are available upon request.

Schick, the shop’s manager and owner of the original Renee’s Survivor Shop, was diagnosed with cancer when she was 36. The troubles she experienced during surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation, especially when it came to finding products to help comfort her, inspired her to open the shop.

“When I was diagnosed, I had drain tubes and I didn’t know where to put them,” Schick said. “But there are camisoles that can hold the tubes for you. They even come with puffs to people who have had a mastectomy, and they are billable to insurance.”

The store carries items to ease treatment side effects, including post-surgical camisoles to accommodate post-surgery breast forms, non-metallic deodorant for sensitive skin after radiation, lymphedema sleeves, wigs, and a host of other comfort products and gifts.

Additionally, the shop will offer mastectomy fittings by appointment. Schick is a certified mastectomy fitter with the Board of Accreditation and has been fitting women for more than 10 years. The fittings and many of the other products can be billed to insurance.

Schick said her experience also helps her be empathetic toward her customers.

“When they come in and tell me they’ve just been diagnosed, I can relate to how they’re feeling,” Schick said, “especially the scary parts.”

There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday, Jan. 15, at 3 p.m. to welcome the shop at its new location.

Counseling Center extends services to Health Science Campus

Starting this year, students on Health Science Campus gained access to the full resources of The University of Toledo Counseling Center.

Following consultations that included input from students, faculty and professional staff, a new delivery system has been created for counseling and intervention services. Students in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences are now able to utilize individual and group counseling, screenings, workshops, crisis intervention, education programs and other services provided by the Counseling Center, located in Rocket Hall Room 1810 on Main Campus.

The Counseling Center replaces Harbor Symmetry Wellness as the students’ resource for these services, explained Dr. Ronald McGinnis, the college’s senior associate dean for student affairs.

“This new service will provide improved access to care, with no limit on the number of visits, and no increase in the annual fee assessed for these services,” he said.

Dr. Stanley Edwards, director of the Counseling Center, added, “The center is ready. Our staff of five full-time professionals is ready to share the expertise that has helped hundreds of students.

“I encourage students to use the resources of the Counseling Center, whether they might be experiencing tough times, have questions, or just want to talk with a counselor.”

Students who want to find more about what the Counseling Center offers should check online at utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/counseling or call 419.530.2426 to schedule an appointment.

UT Interim President Nagi Naganathan, right, talked with U.S. Sen. Rob Portman and Dr. Celia Williamson, professor of social work, Friday in the Driscoll Alumni Center. Portman visited campus to discuss UT’s Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute and ways it can collaborate with his efforts to fight human trafficking at the federal level. Williamson, a national expert on combating human trafficking, is leading the new institute.

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Neurologist’s research shows abused children more likely to suffer migraines

By Meghan Cunningham

Adults who experienced abuse or neglect in their childhood are more likely to develop migraines, according to new research by a University of Toledo neurologist.

“The percentage of people who were emotionally abused or neglected or experienced sexual abuse was significantly higher among people with migraine than in those who had tension-type headache,” said Dr. Gretchen Tietjen, the Clair Martig Endowed Chair in Neurology at the University. “Emotional abuse showed the strongest link.”

Tietjen’s research was published in the Dec. 24 issue of Neurology, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology. The article was accompanied by an editorial.

Tension headaches are the most common type of headaches adults experience, producing mild to moderate pain. Migraines, which often include nausea and sensitivity to light and noise, are usually much more painful and can be severely disabling, Tietjen said.

For the study, researchers from UT, Montefiore Headache Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University and Vedanta Research looked at 8,305 people with migraine and 1,429 with tension-type headache from the American Migraine Prevalence and Prevention Study. Three types of childhood maltreatment reported by participants were considered: emotional neglect, emotional abuse and sexual abuse.

Emotional child abuse involves intentionally doing or saying things to a child in order to cause harm, such as threatening violence. Emotional neglect, in contrast, can be intentional or unintentional and involves not doing things that promote emotional well-being.

A total of 24.5 percent of those with migraine had experienced emotional abuse during childhood, compared to 21.5 percent of those with tension headache. Even after taking into account factors like age, sex, race, household income, anxiety and depression, people who experienced emotional abuse before age 18 were 33 percent more likely to have migraine than tension headaches. People who had experienced emotional neglect and sexual abuse also were more likely to experience migraine as adults, but after researchers adjusted the results to take into account anxiety and depression, there was no difference between the groups.

People who experienced two forms of abuse were 50 percent more likely to have migraine than people who experienced one form of abuse.

The recent study, which was supported by the National Headache Foundation, builds on Tietjen’s previous research that found that children who are physically or emotionally abused or neglected are more likely to develop migraines and other chronic pain conditions. The stress caused by abuse can alter children’s stress response and predispose them to medical and psychiatric conditions in adulthood, Tietjen said.

Surgeon hopes to start liver, pancreas transplant programs at UT

By Samantha Watson

If you haven’t met Dr. Jorge Ortiz, you probably will; he’s going to do big things at The University of Toledo.

Ortiz, an associate professor and chief of surgical transplant who joined the faculty last year, has been doing kidney transplants and teaching residents the tools of the trade. As an expert of solid organ transplantation, Ortiz hopes to do more than just kidney transplants; he wants to start a liver and pancreas transplantation program at UT in the next two years.

“Transplant surgery is like general surgery, but the risks and benefits are much higher,” he said. “You have to know your general surgery, you have to know transplant surgery, medicine, the whole deal. You have to take care of the whole patient, not just one organ.”

On top of teaching and creating new programs, Ortiz is passionate about the effect of race on transplants. He plans to join the Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program and is part of the diversity committee for the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS).

“I have a particular interest in helping even out disparities in health care, and also studying those disparities between ethnic and socioeconomic groups.” Ortiz said, “I want to learn and teach what are the outcome differences, if any, between groups.”

Ortiz is working with Dr. Donald White, professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, to decipher data from UNOS regarding race and transplant outcomes.

“We can’t have a system or a society or a culture where there are different opportunities amongst people, different outcomes amongst people,” Ortiz said. “It should all be fair, We should embrace our differences, but correct our inequalities.”

The initiative for new organ transplantation programs and the collaboration to improve transplants for everyone are just two of Ortiz’s goals. He also said he is looking forward to improving UT’s global outreach and teaching his residents.

“When you do an activity repeatedly, it’s a task, but when you do that with someone to teach them that activity, it’s more enjoyable,” Ortiz said. “I enjoy the energy that the students have — trying to get ahead, trying to improve, not just trying to get by.”
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**Reeling in the years**

This flag held by, from left, Dr. Christopher Cooper, dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences and senior vice president for clinical affairs, Dr. William Davis, UT director of the general practice residency program and associate dean of continuing medical education, and UT Interim President Nagi Naganathan, was one of the items in a time capsule that was sealed Dec. 14, 1989, at the former Medical College of Ohio. The container was opened last month as the final celebration of MCO’s 50th anniversary. Memorabilia from the time capsule dated from 1965 to 1989 and included a campus phone directory, letters written by deans and department chairs, an MCO coffee mug, a stethoscope and a newspaper.

**Thank you**

Monica McLemore, a hospital aide in Sterile Processing, picked up a cupcake last week for New Year Employee Appreciation Day. As a way to say thank you, meals were served during all shifts to UT Medical Center faculty, staff and volunteers.

**Glacity Theatre Collective to present two Albee one-act plays**

The deterioration of the American family will be explored when the Glacity Theatre Collective performs Edward Albee’s “The American Dream” and “The Sandbox” Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 15-18, in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre. Assistant Artistic Director and UT alumna Megan Aherne will make her debut as director for Glacity with this production. “[Albee] was a master of the one-act form, and in both of these plays he explores the inherent issue of societal pressures on the family and their perception of the American Dream,” she said. “The audience is challenged to examine their notion of family, the importance of surface beauty, as well as their perception of the American Dream — as an individualized and/or a collective ideal — via beautifully strange circumstances and interactions.”

Because of the interrelated nature of these two plays, several actors will appear in both. The cast features UT alumnus Lynnette Bates, William Toth, UT alumna Jennifer Nagy Lake, Philipe Taylor and UT student Lindsey Miller.

Holly Monsos, UT associate dean of the College of Communication and the Arts, is the costume designer, and James S. Hill, UT professor emeritus of theatre, is the sound and lighting designer. UT alumna Frankie Teuber is the scene designer, and UT student and musician Henryk Kress will perform. “The American Dream” and “The Sandbox” will open Thursday, Jan. 15, at 8 p.m. with a “pay what you can” performance, and tickets will be available only at the door.

Shows will continue Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16 and 17, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 18, at 2 p.m.

**In memoriam**

Donald L. Beachey, a staff nurse at MCO from 1981 until his retirement in 2002 when he worked in Surgical Intensive Care, died Nov. 8 at age 72.

Donald R. Cowell, Sylvania, died Dec. 29 at age 65. He was hired as a custodial worker in 2006 and became a building finishes technician in 2007. One year later, he was named a maintenance repair apprentice and in 2010 became a building maintenance repair journeyman, the position he retired from in 2014.

Odessa M. Dodd, Southfield, Mich., a former licensed practical nurse at MCO, died Dec. 11 at age 83. She was hired in 1976 to work in Nursing Services and was in Ambulatory Services when she left in 1993.

Patricia A. Manger, Temperance, Mich., a former UT employee, died Dec. 12 at age 73.

Merle G. (Nelson) Runkle, Toledo, died Dec. 12 at age 91. She was hired as a secretary for the Chemistry Department in 1967. Five years later, she became secretary to the vice president of academic affairs. In 1973, she started working for the executive vice president. Runkle retired in 1983.

Bruce G. Sinner, Maumee, a former instructor who taught photography classes at the University, died Dec. 26 at age 91. Memorials in his name are suggested to The University of Toledo Foundation, designated for the Laren K. McClain Scholarship Fund.
the Cleveland Cavaliers, The University of Toledo Bracket Bow Tie Challenge will run in the beginning of 2015. The co-branded promotion will encourage fans to vote beginning Sunday, Jan. 25, for which Cavaliers personality best wears a bow tie. Winners will advance to the next round in the bracket, and a champion will be crowned during week four. The Bracket Bow Tie Challenge winner will be recognized when the Cavaliers take on the Boston Celtics Tuesday, March 3.

Allie Clifton, Cavaliers sideline reporter for Fox Sports Ohio, will kick off the Bracket Bow Tie Challenge during UT’s Tie One On event in January. Clifton graduated from the University in 2010 and is a former member of the UT women’s basketball team.

Tie One On is part of a partnership between UT and BowTie Cause, a national initiative that designs bow ties for charitable efforts across the country.

“Tie One On is not only a UT event, but one that impacts and benefits the greater community.”

For more information, visit utoledo.edu/tieoneon.

Tie One On 2015 T-shirts are available for purchase for just $10!

T-shirts will be on sale Tuesday through Thursday, Jan. 13-15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union.

Or email Kevin.Taylor3@utoledo.edu to secure one of these shirts before they sell out!

Tie One On 2015 will take place Saturday, Jan. 24. For information on the event that raises funds for cancer care or to register, visit utoledo.edu/tieoneon.
Center to play in East-West Shrine Game
Jan. 17

By Paul Helgren

UT senior center Greg Mancz has accepted an invitation to the 90th East-West Shrine Game. The game will be played Saturday, Jan. 17, at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla., kicking off at 4 p.m. and televised live on NFL Network.

“Being able to play with the nation’s best players will be a great opportunity, and I am looking forward to representing The University of Toledo the best that I can,” Mancz said.

Mancz is a three-time All-Mid-American Conference player who earned first-team honors in 2014. He also won the Vern Smith Award this season as the top player in the Mid-American Conference. He helped lead the Rockets to a 9-4 record and guided the offense to the No. 1 spot in the MAC in total offense (490.5) and rushing offense (256.4), and to a victory in the 2015 GoDaddy Bowl. He is the first Rocket to receive this award since quarterback Bruce Gradkowski shared the honor with Western Michigan wide receiver Greg Jennings in 2005, and the first Rocket to win the award outright since running back Wasean Tait in 1995. He is also the first offensive lineman to earn the award in its 33-year history.

“Greg has had an outstanding college career and a terrific senior season so he is very deserving of Vern Smith Leadership Award,” said UT Head Coach Matt Campbell. “He has been a dominant center and the anchor of our offense this year. Greg is also a true student-athlete and has been one of the best leaders I have ever been around, both on and off the field.”

In December, Mancz was named second-team All-America by the Football Writers Association of America. He is the only MAC player to make the team and is the first Rocket to earn All-American honors since Eric Page was named honorable mention by Sports Illustrated in 2011. He is also the first UT offensive lineman to make either first- or second-team All-America on one of the five major All-America teams since Dan Bukovich made the Associated Press first-team in 1938.

Mancz joins an elite list of football greats, such as John Elway, Tom Brady, Brett Favre, and 70 NFL Hall of Famers, who have played in the East-West Shrine Game in addition to more than 265 East-West Shrine Game alumni currently on NFL rosters.

While the teams are divided by East and West, the players come together for the beneficiary of the event, Shriners Hospitals for Children, an international pediatric specialty health-care system.

Kicker to play in NFL Players Association Bowl Jan. 17

By Paul Helgren

Senior placekicker Jeremiah Detmer will play in the 2015 National Football League Players Association Collegiate Bowl Saturday, Jan. 17. Detmer is the Mid-American Conference’s all-time leader in field goal percentage (65 of 77 for 84.4 percent). The kicker from Hilliard, Ohio, has been named to the All-MAC team three times (2014 second team; 2013 first team; 2012 third team). He also was selected as the conference’s Special Teams Player of the Year in 2013 when he connected on 95 percent of his field goals and 44 of 45 extra points.

He was the MAC West Division Special Team Player of the Week three times in his senior campaign and nine times in his career with the Rockets. He also was named second team preseason All-America by Phil Steele, third team preseason All-America by the Sporting News and to the Lou Groza Award Watch List.

The National Football League Players Association Collegiate Bowl will be played at StubHub Center on the campus of California State University Dominguez Hills in Carson.

Kickoff is scheduled for 4 p.m. Eastern, and the game will be televised live on ESPN2. ESPNU also will air live broadcasts from practices Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 14 and Jan. 15.

Wrapped up

Head Football Coach Matt Campbell, shown here hugging linebacker Trent Voss after Toledo’s 63-44 victory over Arkansas State in the GoDaddy Bowl, signed a contract extension in December that will run through the 2020 football season. In his third full season with the Rockets, Campbell has a 26-13 record as head coach. He has led the Rockets to a 9-4 record this season, including a 7-1 mark in Mid-American Conference games. Toledo earned a share of the MAC West Division title and won the GoDaddy Bowl. Previously, Campbell led UT to a 42-41 victory over Air Force in the 2011 Military Bowl in his first game as head coach. In 2012, the Rockets finished 9-4, were ranked in the Top 25 at one point in the season, and participated in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. Campbell served three seasons as UT’s offensive coordinator under former head coach Tim Sedman from 2009 to 2011. He was named head coach for the Rockets Dec. 12, 2011, becoming the 26th head football coach in school history and the youngest head coach in the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision at the time by more than three years.
Rockets Nation continues to celebrate Toledo’s big win over Arkansas State in the GoDaddy Bowl.

The Rockets blasted by the Red Wolves, 63-44, Jan. 4 in Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala.

Explosive offenses. Turnovers cashed in for touchdowns. New bowl records. The game televised on ESPN had it all. Combined, the two teams amassed 1,009 yards and 107 points.

Take a look back at a memorable game and time in the South.

Rocket pride glowed on this float during the Mardi Gras-theme parade in Mobile, Ala.

Members of the Blue Crew joined the Jan. 3 parade held in honor of the bowl game.

Rocket fans had a lot to cheer about during the exciting, action-packed contest.

NFL great Joe Theismann spoke at the Jan. 2 Mayor’s Luncheon, which was attended by the Toledo Rockets and fans.

UT defensive tackle Treyvon Hester caused a fumble and Trent Voss recovered the ball in the end zone in the first 10 seconds of the game.

Sophomore quarterback Logan Woodside completed 21 of 27 passes for 176 yards.
The Toledo defense clamped down on Arkansas State’s running game.

Running back Kareem Hunt carried the ball 32 times for 271 yards and five touchdowns. The sophomore set new GoDaddy Bowl records for yards gained and TDs. He was named the game’s Most Valuable Player and to the Associated Press All-Bowl Team.

Head Coach Matt Campbell received the traditional Gatorade bath during the final seconds of the game.

Sophomore running back Darnion Jones-Moore rushed for 103 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries.

The Rockets celebrated with GoDaddy Bowl trophies.

Photos by Daniel Miller
University to induct 2015 class for Varsity ‘T’ Hall of Fame

By Paul Helgren

Seven former student-athletes and coaches will be inducted into The University of Toledo Varsity ‘T’ Hall of Fame Friday, Jan. 16, in Savage Arena.

Social hour for the event will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7 p.m.

The Varsity ‘T’ Hall of Fame also will present the Distinguished Service Award to Chet Sullwold, who has worked on the game-day staff for UT football and basketball for 59 years, and to Mike Spiros, who served as a statistician for the men’s basketball team for 40 seasons.

Tickets for the induction dinner are $45 and can be purchased by calling the Athletic Development Office at 419.530.5087.

The 2015 Varsity ‘T’ Hall of Fame inductees are:

TOM AMSTUTZ, Football, 1974-1976 and coach 1977-1986/1990-2008. He was a player, assistant coach and head coach for the Rockets for more than 30 years. During that time, perhaps no single person has been more associated with Rocket football than “Toledo Tom.” Undoubtedly, he made his greatest mark as head coach from 2001 to 2008, when he led the Rockets to two Mid-American Conference Championships, four West Division titles and four bowl appearances. Born and raised in the Glass City, Amstutz joined the Rockets as a walk-on in 1974, and other than a stint as an assistant at Navy from 1987 to 1989, he never left his hometown. He played three seasons on the offensive line, earning two letters. After his playing career finished, he joined the UT coaching staff and worked his way up, becoming the defensive coordinator in 1994. In his final season as coordinator in 2000, Amstutz built one of the greatest defenses in UT history, as the Rockets ranked No. 3 in the nation in both total defense and points allowed. The following year, he took over as head coach, leading Toledo to a MAC Championship and a victory over Cincinnati in the Motor City Bowl. In 2002, UT won the MAC West crown and earned another bowl appearance. In 2004, the Rockets again won the MAC Championship and gained another bowl berth. The 2005 season saw another division title and a bowl victory over UTEP in the GMAC Bowl. In his final season in 2008, Amstutz’s Rockets pulled off one of the most memorable upsets in school history, a 13-10 victory over Michigan in the Big House in Ann Arbor. Amstutz stepped down following the 2008 season, finishing with a career record as head coach of 58-41, 39-24 in MAC games. Both marks rank second in UT history behind the man he succeeded, Gary Pinkel.

TAVARES BOLDEN, Football, 1998-2001. Bolden was a two-time All-MAC quarterback, leading the Rockets to two MAC West Division titles as well as a MAC Championship crown in 2001. He was a first-team All-MAC selection in 2000 and earned second-team honors in 2001 (only the emergence of future NFL star Byron Leftwich at Marshall in 2001 kept him from repeating as the league’s top QB). Bolden took over the starting quarterback job midway through his sophomore season in 1999 and immediately transformed the UT offense. The Rockets were 24-5 in games in which he was the starting quarterback. His quick feet allowed him to throw on the run or take the ball up field himself, making him a nightmare for defenses. In his final three games in 1999, Bolden did not throw an interception, leading the Rockets to three consecutive victories and setting the tone for the next two seasons. In 2000, Bolden led Toledo to a 10-1 mark, including a 24-6 romp over Penn State and a share of the MAC West Division crown. He earned first-team All-MAC honors, completing 57 percent of his passes for 1,597 yards and 13 TDs against just four interceptions. He also ran for 464 yards, averaging 5.3 yards every time he ran the ball, and five touchdowns. More importantly, he was sacked just five times all year. His numbers were even better in 2001, as he led Toledo to a 10-2 mark, including a MAC Championship and a 24-16 victory over Cincinnati in the Motor City Bowl. He completed 214 of 319 passes, setting a then MAC record for completion percentage (67.1 percent). He threw for 2,466 yards and 13 scores, and also ran for 355 yards and four touchdowns. He came up big in his final game as a Rocket, rushing for 99 yards in the bowl win over Cincinnati, including bolts of 41 yards and a 28-yard TD run. Bolden, who made the MAC Academic Honor Roll in 2000, went on to play three seasons in the Canadian Football League with the Montreal Alouettes.

BRETT KERN, Football, 2004-07. Kern was, by just about any standard, the best punter in Toledo history. He averaged 42.3 yards per punt in his career, almost 1.5 yards more than the next best punter. As a senior in 2007, Kern averaged an amazing 46.13 yards per punt, the best in UT history, and was among three finalists for the Ray Guy Award as the nation’s best punter. Kern was Toledo’s punter for four seasons, assuming the position as a freshman. He averaged 40.6 yards in his rookie season. As a sophomore, Kern slipped a bit, averaging 39.5 yards per boot. He rebounded in his junior season, averaging 41.7 yards per kick, including 42.6 yards in the final eight games of the season. Kern really came into his own as a senior. He finished the season ranked No. 2 in the country with a 46.1 punting average, earning third-team All-America honors by the Associated Press and Rivals.com, as well as MAC Special Teams Player of the Year. Kern played in the Hula Bowl and the East-West Shrine Game. In addition, Kern was named second-team Academic All-District by the College Sports Information Directors of America with a 3.38 grade point average in geography and was a finalist for the Draddy Award given to the student-athlete with the best mix of academic and athletic achievement. At the team’s awards banquet, Kern was honored with the Findlay Family Service Award for outreach efforts to the Toledo community, and was the winner of the Gus Yeager Legacy Award for spiritual leadership on the team. After his Rocket career ended, Kern signed as a free agent with Denver and earned the job as starting punter. He averaged 46.7 yards per kick, the third-highest total in NFL history at the time. Kern then signed with the Tennessee Titans, where he has played ever since. In 2012, Kern set the franchise record with an average of 47.6 yards per punt. He averaged 43.6 yards per punt in 2013, landed 32 of 78 punts inside the 20-yard line, and was named the NFL’s best punter at mid-season by Sports Illustrated.
NICK MOORE, Basketball 1999-2003. He is the greatest three-point specialist in UT men’s basketball history. Moore ranks first in career three-pointers (276) and first in three-point field goal percentage (43.5 percent). His 276 triples are just one shy of the all-time MAC record. He holds the first, second and fifth spot for most three-pointers made in a season, including a record 89 treys in 2002-03. He ranks 10th all-time in scoring with 1,384 points with a high of 16.3 points per game as a senior in 2002-03. In his final home game, he torched Ball State for a career-high 38 points. After graduation, Moore played professional basketball in Europe for a number of seasons.

COURTNEY RISINGER, Basketball, 1998-2002. Risinger was a three-year starter for the women’s basketball team (1999-2000 through 2001-02), earning second-team All-MAC honors as a senior when she averaged 13.3 points per game. She was named Academic All-District in 2001-02 and three times made the MAC Academic Honor Roll. She was a member of the 1998-99 and 2000-01 Women’s Basketball MAC Championship teams that advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Risinger ranks 18th in career scoring at UT (1,079 points), tied for seventh in total bases (259) and fourth in three-point field goal percentage (37.9). She holds the record for three-point field goal percentage in a season at .450, and her 76 threes in 2001-02 ranks sixth all-time. Risinger’s single-game highlights include scoring 30 points against Northern Illinois and a UT record-tying eight three-pointers in that same game.

APRIL WILLIAMS, Track & Field, 2003-2007. Williams was a two-time All-American who won four MAC track & field long jump and triple jump titles in her career. She earned All-America honors in both the long jump (2007) and triple jump (2006). She is still the school record holder in both indoor/outdoor long jump and triple jump. She finished her UT career ranked No. 2 all-time among MAC student-athletes in both jumping events. Williams started her career as a sprinter, but began coming into her own as a jumper in her sophomore year. By her junior season, she emerged as one of the top jumpers in the country. Williams was voted the MAC Indoor Field Event Performer of the Year at the 2006 MAC Indoor Championship after she won both the long jump (6.32m, 20’9”) and triple jump (12.94m, 42-5 1/2), setting the indoor meet record in long jump. She later earned All-America honors at the 2006 Indoor NCAA Championships in the long jump after finishing ninth overall with a leap of 20 feet, 9 3/4 inches. She won the women’s college long jump at the prestigious Penn Relays with a leap of 6.05m (19’10”) in 2006, and she took second place at the event as a senior with a leap of 20’4”. As a senior, Williams repeated the double championships at the 2007 MAC Outdoor Doorfield Meet, capturing the triple jump (42-7) and the long jump (19-8 1/4). She also set the school record in the outdoor long jump with a leap of 43-3, achieved at the NCAA Regionals in 2007. She then earned All-America honors in the triple jump, finishing in eighth place with a leap of 42-9 1/2 at the 2007 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. She later qualified for and competed at the USA Track & Field Championships. An outstanding student, Williams was named to the Academic All-MAC in indoor track & field in 2005 and 2006.
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UT Men’s Head Basketball Coach Tod Kowalczyk and other university dignitaries will be wearing bow ties during the game to support the fight against cancer.

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Higher education program brings professionals together

By Samantha Watson

Returning to school after being in the workforce can sometimes be a challenge — which is why Michelle Arbogast, director of health science affairs at The University of Toledo, brought a few friends to share the journey.

Arbogast recently completed the Professional Master’s Cohort Program for Higher Education along with 10 other UT staff members. The program is designed for professionals already working in higher education to get their master of education degrees.

“The people in it made it one of the best programs because we were learning from real life,” Arbogast said. “People had anywhere from 20 years of experience to two years of experience.”

When Arbogast learned about the program, she had spent 13 years as manager of administrative services at UT in the College of Graduate Studies and yet had never taken a graduate course. Now that her children were old enough for her to think about going back to school, she did so and convinced a few of her co-workers to join her. They began the program in 2013.

The students in the program differed when it came to years of experience, and they also came from all areas of higher education as well as different institutions. According to Arbogast, there were people from disability offices, university police, institutional technology, the registrar’s office, financial offices and more.

The experience opened her eyes to the many different needs that students have, from financial support to safety. Arbogast said she now has a better understanding of what students need, not only from learning from her classmates, but from being a student herself.

“It was interesting being a student while being a customer service representative to students,” she said. “I was experiencing the same things they were.”

In addition to Arbogast, there were 10 other UT employees who were part of the 20-person cohort: Angela Lopez, recruitment officer 2 from Undergraduate Admission; Rod Theis, deputy chief of police for the UT Police Department; Kathy Sullivan, records management officer in the Registrar Office; Tom Short, former assistant registrar; Lena Carrol, senior financial analyst in the Office of Budget and Planning; Melissa Hansen, administrative assistant 3 in the Office of Medical Education and Diversity; Tracy Jahns, administrative secretary in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences; John Cavins, senior director of enterprise business systems in Information Technology; Victoria Leidy, library administrator in Carlson Library; and Andrea Engle, academic accommodation specialist in the Office of Academic Access.

“I think the biggest thing we took away was a lifelong network of friends and colleagues,” Arbogast said.

Employees celebrate commencement

Tiffany B. Akeman, daughter of Lisa M. Akeman, assistant to the chair in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, received a master of public health degree with a major in administration. Tiffany would love to work for an organization where she can create, implement and evaluate programming and outreach strategies that improve specific public health aspects at individual and community levels.

Andrew Jex, son of Dr. David Jex, professor of music, received a bachelor of arts degree with a major in film and video from the College of Communication and the Arts. He plans to pursue a master of fine arts degree, but has yet to select a school.
To kick off the new semester, an opportunity is being offered to help students improve their math grades. ThinkTank Tuesdays is a new program that will be presented by the Learning Enhancement Center every Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in Student Union Room 2562.

Each week, tutors from the center will gather to review a mathematics theory or concept. All students — no matter what level of math proficiency — are invited to attend the sessions where they can learn new things or substantiate topics they already know about.

“We’re taking the tutoring concept to the students by having it in the Student Union,” Dr. Michele Martinez, executive director of the Learning Enhancement Center, said. “We want to focus on concepts that are universal when it comes to math.”

Algebra is used continually at higher levels of mathematics, Martinez explained, which is why it’s important for students to master it. In addition to learning algebra, students are invited to bring homework questions as well.

“A lot of times we get feedback that students want to study in groups, rather than the one-on-one answer questions offered in the Learning Enhancement Center,” she said. “We want to offer something for students who like working in groups.”

Different topics will be offered each session. Listed by date, they will be:

- Jan. 20 — Linear and Quadratic Equations;
- Jan. 27 — Complex Numbers and Inequalities;
- Feb. 3 — Linear Equations, Functions and Their Graphs;
- Feb. 10 — Transformations, Symmetry and Piecewise Functions;
- Feb. 17 — Compositions and Inverse Functions;
- Feb. 24 — Quadratic Functions and Polynomials of Higher Degree;
- March 3 — Synthetic Division and Roots of Polynomials;
- March 17 — Rational Functions and Their Graphs;
- March 24 — Asymptotes;
- April 7 — Exponential and Logarithmic Functions;
- April 14 — Matrices and Applications;
- April 21 — Analytic Geometry; and
- April 28 — Sequences and Series.

“We’re always looking for new ideas to help students be successful academically,” Martinez said. “If any faculty, staff or students have ideas, we are open to them.”

For more information, contact Martinez at michele.martinez@utoledo.edu.
Nominations open for Diane Hymore Award

It’s something the entire UT community can agree on: Exceptional employees are not the exception at The University of Toledo — but some of them do fly under the radar.

The Diane Hymore Exemplar of Excellence Award, for which nominations are being accepted, was instituted in 2013 to give those often-unheralded employees the accolades they deserve, according to Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, senior vice president for student affairs.

“Like the namesake of the award, many of our staff are very humble about what they accomplish every day as they work with students, families, patients and University visitors. Not only do they not seek publicity, but they often resist the idea that what they’re doing is exceptional,” she said.

“Like Diane, they blend their professional abilities with compassion and caring for everyone they come in contact with.”

Hymore, director of senior administration operations and longtime executive secretary to former President Lloyd Jacobs, was honored in 2013 as the first recipient of the award.

“Diane truly has what some people call a servant’s heart,” Patten Wallace said. “She touched many, many people through her work and for each of them, her approach was ‘How can I help?’ not because it was her job, but because she genuinely loved helping people.”

Nominations are open for the 2015 award, which will be presented to an individual whose work defines the core values of the University in Hymore’s spirit of support, encouragement and service.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Feb. 20. The nomination form may be found online at http://utoledo.do/ianichymore or you may obtain one via email by contacting cynthia.nowak@utoledo.edu. Send completed forms to the same email, or fax a printout to 419.530.8567 or send it via campus mail to Nowak at Mail Stop 963.

Start New Year with ‘Healthy New You’

This year, employees at The University of Toledo will have a little help keeping their resolutions.

Rocket Wellness is launching its Healthy New You program this week, and it will run for the next eight weeks. The goal is to help educate UT employees on ways to keep healthy and encourage them to maintain healthy living all year round.

“UT is committed to developing wellness initiatives like Healthy New You to support and encourage healthy lifestyles for our employees,” said Jovita Thomas-Williams, associate vice president for human resources and talent development.

Each week, the program will have a specific goal; this week’s focus is on health screenings. These health screenings will provide information about blood pressure, height and weight, body mass index, cholesterol, glucose, and more.

“The screenings provide a snapshot of your current health status and a starting point to make improvements,” said Jocelyn Szymanski, wellness coordinator for Rocket Wellness.

Free health screenings will be available on Main Campus Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 7 a.m. to noon in the Center for Health and Successful Living in the Health and Human Services Building.

They also will be available on Scott Park Campus Wednesday, Jan. 14, from 7 to 10 a.m. in the Wellness Office in Suite 1000, and on Health Science Campus Thursday, Jan. 15, from 7 a.m. to noon in the Rocket Wellness Office of the Morse Center.

Throughout the Healthy New You program, there will be team and individual challenges worth points. This week’s challenge is a wellness wheel worth five points that can be completed on the Rocket Wellness website, utoledo.edu/offices/rocketwellness.

All challenges will be reported using a tracking sheet found on the website; at the end of the eight weeks, the points will be tallied. There will be a grand prize for the person with the most points, as well as a drawing from all participants for two smaller prizes.

There also is an opportunity to earn bonus points each week by participating in the walking programs held on both campuses. Rocket Walk is held from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in the Student Recreation Center and from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Morse Center.

“We want to show employees what Rocket Wellness is all about,” Szymanski said. “Our department is always available to help them.”

Students: Tax credit form now accessible online, opt in for chance to win gift card

UT students have an easy way to “go green” and have a chance to win $50 for books, supplies and gear from the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore.

Any student who visits myUT and opts in by Friday, Jan. 23, to receive his or her 1098-T form online will be entered to win one of four $50 UT bookstore gift cards.

UT has made it easier for students to access, view and print the 1098-T Tuition Payments Statement — which helps determine a student’s eligibility for specific education tax credits for themselves or for those who claim them on tax forms as dependents — by making the form accessible electronically when it becomes available each year.

To opt in and receive the 1098-T electronically, log in to the myUT portal.

- Click on the student tab;
- Under my account, click more account options;
- Click on the 1098-T opt-in link; and
- Click submit.

The form will be available online beginning Monday, Jan. 26.

Once the electronic opt-in consent form has been completed, students may access their 1098-T from the myUT portal.

- Under my account, click more account options;
- Click tax notifications;
- Click tax year; and
- Click submit.

UT officials said receiving the form electronically is easy and secure, environmentally friendly, and provides immediate access to the form versus traditional mail delivery, which could be lost, misdirected or delayed. Electronic delivery eliminates the chance the form can be lost once received and provides additional important supplemental data.
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