UT partners with Cleveland Cavaliers for Bow Tie Bracket Challenge

By Aimee Portala

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The University of Toledo, the bow tie is synonymous with the fight against prostate cancer.

As part of a new partnership with the Cleveland Cavaliers, The University of Toledo Bow Tie Bracket Challenge will run through Sunday, Feb. 22. The co-branded promotion will encourage fans to vote for which Cavaliers personality best wears a bow tie.

“This is an opportunity for The University of Toledo to partner with one of the most important brands in sports to help UT’s efforts to raise prostate cancer awareness,” said Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs and awareness.

Those participating in the challenge are:

• Campy Russell, TV analyst for FoxSports Ohio and Cavaliers legend;
• Austin Carr, TV analyst for FoxSports Ohio and Cavaliers legend;
• Allie Clifton, Cavaliers sideline reporter with FoxSports Ohio and UT alumna who played basketball for the Rockets from 2006 to 2010;
• Fred McLeod, TV analyst with FoxSports Ohio;
• Ahmaad Crump, hype man/in-arena host with the Cleveland Cavaliers;
• Moondog, a Cavaliers mascot;
• SirCC, a Cavaliers mascot; and

• Olivier “The Voice” Sedra, announcer for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Winners will advance to the next round and the Bracket Bow Tie Challenge champion will be recognized when the Cavaliers take on the Boston Celtics Tuesday, March 3.

All fans who vote via the cavs.com/uttieoneon website in the “Tie One On”

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Details finalized for UT presidential candidate open forums

By Jon Strunk

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he University of Toledo will host two open forums for each presidential candidate during their campus visits the last two weeks of February.

Forums for Dr. Michele Wheatly, professor and senior adviser to the president at West Virginia University, will be held:

• Thursday, Feb. 19, from 1:30 to 3:15 p.m. in University Hall’s Doermann Theater on Main Campus; and
• Friday, Feb. 20, from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. in Collier Building Room 1000B on Health Science Campus.

Forums for Dr. Christopher Howard, president of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, will be held:

• Monday, Feb. 23, from 1:30 to 3:15 p.m. in University Hall’s Doermann Theater on Main Campus; and

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UT’s Cosmetic Science and Formulation Design Program is picking up speed

By Lindsay Mahaney

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ile many students may think cosmetic science programs only involve lipstick and eyeshadow, they couldn’t be more wrong.

The University of Toledo’s Cosmetic Science and Formulation Design Program is the only bachelor’s program of its kind in the United States. The major teaches students how to formulate, produce and test cosmetics and personal care products.

In addition to learning how to make these products, students are taught how to design, market and develop them.

“Many students and parents got the program confused with cosmetology — painting nails, doing makeup and cutting hair,” said Dr. Gabriella Baki, UT assistant professor of pharmaceutics, who specializes in cosmetic science. “But this is a science; we teach students how to make products from scratch, how to test them, package them, and make sure they’re safe for the consumer.”

Baki was hired in 2012 and asked to create the curriculum for the major in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical

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UT teams with community colleges to attract international students

By Samantha Watson

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he University of Toledo is changing the way international students study in the United States, with the help of a few community colleges.

A new program called the UT-Community College Internationalization Consortium kicks off this semester. It brings together four community colleges in Ohio and

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Auto executive to open dialogue with UT students, community

By Cynthia Nowak

It’s not every day that the door to the corporate boardroom unlatches to reveal secrets, but it’s an event swinging open for UT students, staff, faculty and friends.

Rodney O’Neal, chief executive officer and president of Delphi Automotive PLC, will share his experiences Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ingman Room. His free, public presentation is the fourth in the Brothers on the Rise, Alpha Phi Boule and Association of Black Faculty and Staff Lecture Series.

O’Neal’s talk is billed as a sit-down meeting with the CEO, explained Dr. Willie McKether, associate dean of the UT College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences, and president of Brothers on the Rise.

“He’ll talk about his own story, but he’s most interested in hearing what students have to say and in having a two-way give-and-take about their plans for the future,” McKether said. “It’s a reflection of his commitment to supporting tomorrow’s potential leaders.”

A veteran of the automotive industry, O’Neal began his career with General Motors while attending college at General Motors Institute (now Kettering University). After graduation, he held a number of engineering, production and operational supervisory positions throughout the United States, Portugal and Canada.

At Delphi Automotive PLC — a global automotive supplier with more than 150,000 employees, 126 major manufacturing sites and 15 technical centers — he led the company through a major reorganization. Today, Delphi has more than $17 billion in revenue and is considered an innovation and technology leader in the industry.

A longtime Michigan resident, O’Neal remains active in the local community, serving on the honorary board of directors for Real Life 101, a scholarship and mentoring program for at-risk African-American males. He also is a former member of the board of directors for INROADS Inc., an organization that helps to prepare underserved youth for corporate careers.

O’Neal holds a bachelor’s degree from General Motors Institute and a master’s degree from Stanford University. He serves on the board of directors for Delphi and is a former member of the board of directors for Sprint Nextel Corp. and Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

“Maybe because of his background, Mr. O’Neal doesn’t lecture — he solicits questions and concerns from the audience, then opens a discussion,” McKether said. “Everyone who attends his presentation should come ready for a lively time.”

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Michigan — Henry Ford College, Jackson College, Schoolcraft College and Columbus State Community College — with eight higher vocational colleges in Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Hebei, and Hunan provinces in China.

The Chinese students who participate in the program will spend their first two years of college in their home country and their final year at one of the consortium community colleges, receiving both a Chinese diploma and associate’s degree upon completion. They will then spend their next two years earning a bachelor’s degree at UT.

“If you really want to be educated for the work force of the future, you’re going to have to develop your global competence,” said Dr. Ron Opp, executive director of the consortium and UT associate professor of educational leadership. “You’re going to need the ability to communicate interculturally; that’s going to be the nature of work in a global economy.”

In China, higher vocational colleges are postsecondary schools similar to community colleges in the United States. Each college tends to have a niche — whether it’s environmental sciences, engineering, business or another subject. Each community college in the consortium will be matched with two vocational colleges based on their niche.

Many community colleges want to have more international students, but often don’t have the resources four-year schools have, Opp said. Consortium staff will help these community colleges make connections with partner higher vocational colleges in China, and will assist them in working with their partners in developing joint degree programs.

“America is one of the most technologically advanced countries, and China is among the fastest developing countries,” said Dr. Bin Jiao, vice president at Shanghai Dianji University, who visited UT in December with other delegates from Shanghai Dianji. “I think from this kind of collaboration we can learn from each other.”

The consortium will begin by accepting five students from each Chinese college in fall 2015, 10 students the following fall, 15 the following year, and so on. By 2018, the first 40 students will be enrolling at UT for their bachelor’s degree programs.

The consortium also will include professional development programming with faculty and administrators from all of the colleges involved to share more about the partner institutions, with individuals here traveling to China and vice versa.

Another aspect of the consortium is that some faculty from the community colleges involved will teach at the vocational colleges in China. Those who do will get assistance with their flight, housing and living expenses.

“If it may be more helpful in the long run that we get our faculty over there to see how China is developing,” Opp said. “Because once you get over there and you see what’s going on, you realize how important developing global perspectives is.”

Opp said the goal of bringing faculty members to China is that they will bring their experience back to UT and the community colleges.

“I’m looking forward to having Toledo faculty come to our university,” Jiao said. “We also welcome students and faculty from this consortium to visit us.”

UT Health physicians to offer monthly men’s health clinic

By Samantha Watson

Three physicians at The University of Toledo Medical Center are starting a monthly clinic with comprehensive men’s health care.

The clinic will begin Tuesday, Feb. 17, then be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Urology Clinic of the Medical Pavilion at UTMC.

It is run by three UT Health specialists: Dr. Ajay Singla, urologist; Dr. Rajesh Gupta, cardiologist; and Dr. Juan Jaume, endocrinologist. They are assisted by Marc Crisenbery, a nurse practitioner in urology.

The collaboration among the different specialists offers an experience that is unique in the northwest Ohio area. Though similar clinics are becoming more popular across the country, this will be the first one in this region.

“We want our community to have a comprehensive care model dealing with men’s health,” Singla said.

The clinic’s emphasis is on common conditions like benign enlargement of the prostate, andropause, infertility, erectile dysfunction, premature ejaculation, permanent sterilization, varicocele, sexual dysfunction, Peyronie’s disease and incontinence.

Many of these conditions affect a man’s quality of life and are often associated with other diseases such as hypertension, diabetes or cardiovascular diseases. They also can occur due to the treatment of diseases such as cancer.

“If we treat the patient as a whole and deal with all the issues, it will provide better health care,” Singla said. “That’s the whole idea — to bring everyone together so a patient can see all the specialists at the same time rather than having different appointments.”

Some of the services they will provide include fertility preservation/ sperm retrieval, male fertility testing, vasectomies, penile prostheses, penile ultrasounds and dopplers, Peyronie’s treatment, sling procedures and artificial sphincter implants for incontinence, varicocelectomies, vasectomy reversals, testosterone replacement therapy, urodynamic testing, BPH treatment, non-surgical treatment for erectile dysfunction, and Botulin therapy and neuromodulation for overactive bladder.

Education on lifestyle changes — smoking cessation, weight loss management and dietary modifications — also will be available.

To make an appointment for the clinic, call 419.383.4360.
The Humanities Institute will feature Dr. S. Amjad Hussain as part of its Everyday Humanities: Occasional Talks on the Meaning of the Humanities to Our Lives Series.

The free, public event will take place Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 5:30 p.m. in Libbey Hall on Main Campus.

Hussain’s lecture is titled “The Partition of the Indian Subcontinent Through the Prism of Literature.”

The partition of India was the process of dividing the subcontinent along religious lines that took place in 1947 as the country gained its independence from the British Raj. The northern, predominantly Muslim sections of India became the nation of Pakistan, while the southern and majority Hindu section became the Republic of India. More than 1 million people were killed as a result of religious conflicts.

Hussain said he will focus on writers and poets who wrote about the separation from their unbiased points of view. He wants to shed light on the partition “through the lens of literature.”

“I hope people leave with a better sense of how tragic the event was and more knowledge of the partition,” he said.

Hussain is a UT professor emeritus of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, a member of the UT Board of Trustees, and a columnist for The Blade. Most recently, he authored a book, With Whom Shall I Talk in the Dead of Night.

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The purpose of the UT Cosmetic Chemist Society is to enhance knowledge of all members and those interested in the future of cosmetic design formulation, testing and marketing,” said Hillary Phillis, first president of the organization who graduated in December with a degree in pharmacetics and cosmetic science. “We plan to have fundraising events and get people interested in the field and let them know that there are a number of avenues to succeed in this career path.”

Phillis said the student organization has about 20 students and is open to University students no matter what major or department.

“We want to enhance everyone’s knowledge, especially the members of the student organization,” she said.

“I definitely think my college career has been enhanced by the cosmetic science program. It was a little dull before that. I feel like I finally found what I’m supposed to do,” Phillis said.

For more information about the program, visit http://utole.do/cosmeticscience.

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Sciences. There are other master’s degree programs that are similar, but they’re designed for students who have a bachelor’s in biology, chemistry or physics, Baki explained. The cosmetic science curriculum had to be created from scratch.

“I knew this was going to be tough, so I started looking at other schools’ programs,” she said. “I just thought, ‘If I was a student and wanted to work in the cosmetic industry, what would I need to know?’”

Baki’s research for the major eventually led to her writing a textbook, Introduction to Cosmetic Formulation and Technology, which is set to be published this year by Wiley & Sons and implemented in UT’s cosmetic science program.

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Nearly 600 students are expected to line the runway at this year’s Black Student Union Fashion Show.

The University of Toledo’s Black Student Union will host its 46th annual show Friday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. Comedian Tanisha Long, who appears on MTV’s “Girl Code,” will emcee the event.

Black Student Union Vice President Tiffany Fulford said this year’s theme, “Black Revolution,” was created by the show’s co-directors and BSU members, Teddi Covington and Autumn Baker.

“We collectively thought this theme would be great because of Black History Month and the recent protests against police brutality,” Fulford said. “Teddi and Autumn wanted to paint a picture through fashion and music of blacks’ rise from 1960s segregation to present day.”

In addition to Long emceeing the show, Fulford said she will host a UT version of “Girl Code” that will include a variety of topics from fashion to racial issues.

“We pride ourselves on promoting unity on top of diversity, which includes many collaborations and working alongside the Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success,” Fulford said. “I think the work we do positively influences students, faculty and staff. The programs we put on revolve around our goals, which are to promote academic success, black culture, black unity and community service. We strive for each event we put on to exemplify those goals.”

Tickets — $10 for general admission or $15 for runway seats — can be purchased before the event at the Ask Rocky counter in the Student Union. They also will be available at the door for $15.

The show is part of UT’s Black History Month celebration. All proceeds will go toward scholarships to support African-American students.

For more information, contact Fulford at tiffany.fulford@rockets.utoledo.edu.
After receiving more than 200 photos, the Lake Erie Center has announced the winners of its 2014 photo contest.

The contest’s theme, “The Nature of Our Region: From Oak Openings to Maumee Bay,” invited camera enthusiasts to submit up to five photos featuring various nature scenes throughout northwest Ohio.

Submissions were separated into categories: youth, teen, adult and special needs adult.

First-place winners received a $50 Visa gift card and will have their photos framed and displayed in the Lake Erie Center.

Listed by category, the winners are:

- **Youth** — Nico Francis-Emonds, whose photo titled “Bug Berries” is a close-up of an insect crawling across red berries with green foliage in the background;

- **Teen** — Clyde Swander, who took a black-and-white photo of a Canada goose observing the sounding area;

- **Adult** — Jeff Jellinger, whose photo titled “Rad Tad” captured a mature tadpole hiding in the autumn leaves underwater; and

- **Adult special needs** — Marc Arnett, who photographed a red-winged blackbird peeking out of green leaves.

The contest also featured a People’s Choice Award, which went to the shot that received the most votes on the Lake Erie Center’s Facebook page.

That honor went to David Tidrick, who took a photo of a sunrise over the horizon of foggy Lake Erie water.

Go to facebook.com/lakeeriecenter to see more photos that placed in the categories.
**UT faith communities come together to discuss compassion**

By Lindsay Mahaney

Compassion will be key at The University of Toledo’s 13th annual Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue.

The Rev. James Bacik will give a talk, “Karen Armstrong and Pope Francis on Compassion: Theological Perspectives and Practical Strategies,” at this year’s event Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ingrahm Room.

Following the talk, reflections will be given by Rabbi Evan Rubin, leader of the congregation Etz Chayim, and Dr. S. Amjad Hussain, UT professor emeritus of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery and UT Board of Trustees member.

“The dialogue between Judaism, Christianity and Islam is a family dialogue,” said Dr. Jeanine Diller, director of UT’s Center for Religious Understanding. “These three religions all claim descent from Abraham in some way, and they all have as their ultimate concern the God of Abraham. These historical and theological linkages give them a lot to say to each other, and sometimes they disagree, sometimes they agree. This annual dialogue is a venue for that conversation.”

Each year for the past 12 years, members of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths on campus and in the community gather to talk about a topic of mutual interest, Diller said. The faiths take turns on a keynote speaker — this year being the Christian faith’s turn. After the keynote talk and reflections, attendees are invited to break into religiously diverse groups to share thoughts on the evening.

Back, the keynote speaker, is a Toledo diocesan priest and visiting adjunct professor at Lourdes University in Sylvania, who formerly served as pastor of Corpus Christi University Parish. He earned his doctorate of theology from the University of Oxford and has published 10 books and numerous articles, including Contemporary Theologians, Catholic Spirituality: Its History and Challenge, A Light Unto My Path: Crafting Effective Homilies, and his latest book, Humble Confidence: Spiritual and Pastoral Guidance From Rahner.

“Compassion is a wonderful topic for the three religious traditions,” he said. “There are great examples of compassion existing in other communities and how they portray compassion in their own communities.”

Bacik said he will focus on the work of 2008 Technology, Entertainment and Design (TED) prize recipient Karen Armstrong, who initiated the Charter for Compassion — a commitment to work to establish and sustain cultures of compassion locally and globally through diverse initiatives. Toledo joined the movement last year.

Bacik will tie Armstrong’s work to the teachings of Pope Francis, who implements compassion into his homilies and daily practices. He cited the pope kissing and praying over a man with neurofibromatosis in 2013 as an example. Pope Francis also has spoken of the church as a battlefield hospital that cares for the wounded, Bacik said.

Prior to the free, public event, a student “Compassion in Action” reception will offer free hors d’oeuvres and an opportunity for students to share stories about compassion in their own lives.

Free dessert will be available during the dialogue.


grammy Award winner to play Tatum Memorial Jazz Scholarship Concert Feb. 17

Jazz pianist Alan Broadbent will perform at the Art Tatum Memorial Jazz Scholarship Concert Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

He also will present a free master class that day at 2 p.m. in the recital hall.

Broadbent played piano and was the arranger for Woody Herman’s band and was the studio key man for Nelson Riddle, David Rose and Johnny Mandel.

In addition to his successful solo career, Broadbent is known for collaborating with other artists, most notably Natalie Cole. He worked on her 1991 Unforgettable disc and toured with Cole as a pianist and conductor. He wrote an orchestral arrangement for “When I Fall in Love,” which featured her late father, Nat King Cole, and won a Grammy Award for best orchestral arrangement accompanying a vocal.

As a member of Charlie Haden’s Quartet West, Broadbent won another Grammy for the arrangement of “Lonely Town” from the 1999 disc The Art of the Song.

The composer from Auckland, New Zealand, also is the conductor for Diana Krall’s orchestral concerts, including her Live in Paris 2002 CD.

Most recently, Broadbent was the arranger for Glenn Frey’s 2012 disc, After Hours, and he also wrote six string arrangements for Paul McCartney’s Kisses on the Bottom 2012 CD with the London Symphony. That same year, Broadbent released a solo disc, Heart to Heart.

At UT, Broadbent is expected to play some original songs and jazz standards, according to Gunnar Mossblad, UT professor of music and director of jazz studies.

“Alan Broadbent is an extraordinary and versatile jazz pianist, composer and arranger,” Mossblad said. “We are honored to welcome Alan to campus to perform and work with students, and the faculty members are looking forward to performing with him. It should be an outstanding concert with lots of memorable moments.”

Tickets are $10 and $5 for students and seniors 60 and older and can be purchased at the door or at utoledo.tix.com.

Proceeds from the concert support scholarships for UT students majoring in music, especially jazz, with preference given to African-American students.
Professional development programs slated for academic administrators

The University Teaching Center is sponsoring four professional development programs for academic administrators during spring semester.

“UT faculty administrators can enhance their skills and increase the quality of their overall leadership by taking advantage of these professional development programs,” said Dr. Constance Shriver, vice provost for academic program development.

“Professional development programs can prepare and mentor administrators for the challenges they face, which may be very different from the ones they faced in their classrooms or labs.”

The first program will be on “Building a Department of Colleagues” and take place Friday, Feb. 13, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Driscoll Alumni Center Schmakel Room.

Dr. Patrick L. Lawrence, professor and chair of geography and planning, will discuss what approaches chairs can employ to create an academic department of faculty who are collegial and supportive, while providing a productive learning and investigative environment for faculty and students. He also will address some of the typical challenges in dealing with faculty and potential solutions.

“I believe these programs will provide our academic administrators with helpful information and the opportunity for discussion about how they can improve their effectiveness as administrators and better support their faculty members,” said Interim Provost John Barrett. “I encourage UT’s academic administrators to take full advantage of these upcoming professional development opportunities.”

Additional programs also will take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Driscoll Alumni Center Schmakel Room. Listed by date, they are:

- Friday, Feb. 27 — “What Data Do I Need to Do My Job and Where Do I Find It?”
- Friday, March 27 — “Maintaining Work-Life Balance” and
- Friday, April 24 — “Mentoring New Employees.”

Registration forms can be completed online at utoledo.edu/offices/provost/utc/pdaa.html.

Students: Apply for Phi Kappa Phi scholarships

The University of Toledo chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is accepting applications for its Awards of Excellence scholarships for UT students who will be returning to the University fall semester.

Three awards of $500 will be awarded. To be eligible, students must have a GPA of 3.6 or higher or equivalent. Each applicant must submit a résumé, a 500-word essay, and two letters of recommendation.

The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, March 16.

Applicants do not need to be a member of Phi Kappa Phi to be eligible for the scholarship. Graduate students also are encouraged to apply.

The application form is available at http://bit.ly/UTPKPScholarship or by contacting Page Armstrong at 419.530.6059, Barbara Floyd at 419.530.2170 or Wade Lee at 419.530.4490.

Survey offers students chance to share opinions, get shot at prizes

College students are full of opinions — just check in at the nearest social media site. When it comes to what students think about their UT experience, those free-ranging opinions can become the engine of genuine change through the National Survey of Student Engagement.

When universities need to collect, interpret and apply those opinions toward creating the best educational experience, the National Survey of Student Engagement, based at the University of Indiana, far outstrips social media — and it’s just about as easy to use.

“The National Survey of Student Engagement was created as a way of taking the pulse of university students nationwide,” said Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, senior vice president for student affairs. “The UT Division of Student Affairs uses it to help us understand how students are spending their time in and out of the classroom, and that in turn helps The University of Toledo make decisions in every area of the student experience.”

A representative sampling of first-year students and seniors will receive emails starting Tuesday, Feb. 5, from Patten Wallace, inviting them to invest 15 minutes in taking the online survey.

In addition to offering students the chance to influence decision-making at UT, there are more immediate incentives: Students who complete the survey by March 27 are entered in a drawing in which they can win one of several prizes, including an Apple iPad and eight Barnes & Noble gift cards in $100 and $50 denominations.

“The prizes are great, of course, but the real incentive for taking this survey is to make your voice heard,” Patten Wallace said. “When the students talk, we’ll listen.”

She urged eligible students to check their emails; following the first notification, reminders will be sent weekly until March 12.

More information about the National Survey of Student Engagement is available at nsse.iub.edu. And be sure to watch the video at http://utole.do/nsse.

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University of Toledo undergraduate students have the opportunity to exhibit their writing talent to win a $500 cash award at the 2015 Shapiro Essay Revision Contest.

“The Shapiro Essay Revision Contest is the largest and most inclusive writing contest on campus,” said Dr. Deborah Coulter-Harris, associate lecturer in the UT Department of English Language and Literature.

Students from any major are welcome to participate, and no pre-registration is required.

“Students arrive at one of the eight sessions and will be given a badly written essay,” Coulter-Harris said. “They will then have two hours to edit, revise, and make the essay their own.”

Judges will review the modified essays the following week and will notify the winners after spring break.

Participants have the chance to win 15 awards ranging from $75 to $500.

“Three awards must go to a freshman and three to a sophomore, a condition laid out by Dr. Shapiro, so that leaves nine awards that could go to anyone,” Coulter-Harris said.

In addition, the top five winners will be invited to attend the Shapiro Festival celebration in April.

The contest sessions will be held in Memorial Field House Room 2420 to accommodate students’ schedules. Sessions will take place:

- Monday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 24, from noon to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

“Students can bring pens and pencils, a thesaurus and a dictionary, but no electronics,” Coulter-Harris said. “Thesauruses and dictionaries will be available in the testing room.”

The contest is named for and supported by funds established by Dr. Edward Shapiro, professor emeritus of economics, who retired from the University in 1989 after 22 years of teaching.

For more information, contact Coulter-Harris at deborah.coulter-harris@utoledo.edu or 419.530.4416.