Higher Learning Commission visit set for April 11-13
By Kathleen Walsh

A seven-person team representing the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) will be on Main and Health Science campuses Monday through Wednesday, April 11-13, as part of UT’s continuing accreditation process.

Following a visit in 2012, the Higher Learning Commission continued the University’s accreditation for 10 years. UT has been accredited by the commission since 1922.

“This visit is a comprehensive evaluation for reaffirmation of accreditation, part of a new way HLC works with institutions for ongoing self-reflection and evaluation during the 10-year period of reaffirmation of accreditation,” explained Dr. Dorothea Sawicki, vice provost for health science affairs and university accreditation. “HLC now looks at accreditation as a continual process of focusing on compliance with all the standards and criteria needed by an institution of higher education.”

Serving as co-chairs on the HLC Steering Committee have been Dr. David Meabon, associate professor of educational leadership in the College of Social Justice and Human Service, and Dr. Akira Takashima, professor and chair of continued on p. 2

Keynoter

Rapper, record producer, actor and activist David Banner will discuss “Diversity in Politics” Wednesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. A question-and-answer session will take place after the talk, and Banner is scheduled to sign autographs and take photos. Since his 2000 debut disc, Them Firewater Boyz, Vol. 1, Banner has been a force in the music world. He has worked with T.I., Akon, Lil Wayne, Snoop Dogg and Chris Brown. His CDs include Mississippi: The Album, MTAs: Baptized in Dirty Water and Sex, Drugs & Video Games. As an actor, he has appeared in several movies, including “This Christmas,” “Stomp the Yard 2: Homecoming,” “The Butler” and “Ride Along.” And in 2006, Banner received a Visionary Award from the National Black Caucus for his work after Hurricane Katrina. His address is part of Diversity Week and Diversity Month; read more at utoledo.edu/diversity/diversity-month.

Metaling students

Tom Lingeman, UT professor of art, left, and UT art student Mike Budyka poured molten aluminum into a mold as Jennifer Moorman, a teacher at Eastwood High School, center, assisted as her students watched the process in the Sculpture Building of the UT Center for the Visual Arts on the Toledo Museum of Art Campus. The students created molds at their school and brought them to the University to be completed and see the hot work.

UT Dana Cancer Center named in top 100 oncology hospitals
By Ashley Gearheart

The University of Toledo Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center was named one of the 2015 top 100 hospitals and health systems with great oncology programs by Becker’s Hospital Review.

To be recognized on this list, a hospital must be a leader in cancer patient care, be influential in cancer education and prevention efforts, and have received other recognition for its accreditations, clinical expertise, care teams and clinical outcomes.

“We are proud to be recognized as one of the top cancer centers in the United States,” said Allen Seifert, administrative director of the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center. “The recognition reaffirms the passion, leadership and achievements of our team in delivering compassionate, high-quality health care to the people of the communities we serve.”

Seifert added that the awards and recognition received year after year by the center are a great reflection of the staff’s commitment to quality care.

In addition to making the Becker’s Hospital Review Top 100 list, the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center received the 2015 Outstanding Achievement Award from the American College of Surgeons’ Commission on Cancer. UTMC was one of only 20 accredited cancer programs in the United States continued on p. 3
ISIS, Islamic religion to be discussed at Imam Khattab Lecture April 7

By Lindsay Mahaney

Less than one month after the Brussels attacks, there are many questions surrounding the terrorist group ISIS. “Is ISIS Islamic?” will be the topic of the annual Imam Khattab Lecture on Islamic Thought by Dr. Ovamir Anjum, UT Imam Khattab Endowed Chair of Islamic Studies.

The free, public lecture will be Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the Driscoll Alumni Auditorium.

“In the face of these terrible terrorist attacks in Brussels, France, Turkey and Pakistan, there is a lot of emotion and fear,” he said. “To understand the situation better, I think it’s good for us all, especially with the ongoing elections, to have these discussions.”

Anjum spoke on the topic last fall for the series, “Windows on Contemporary Islamic Issues,” following the Paris attacks, stating that ISIS is not Islamic, but rather Saddam Hussein’s radical legacy. Modern scholars consider ISIS a modern-day Kharijites — a heretical group known for violence, he said.

Expanding on his previous talk, Anjum said he plans to reflect on three points: what conditions created ISIS; how everyone in the Islamic tradition condemns the acts of ISIS; and the disturbing phenomenon of young people, especially Westerners, joining ISIS.

With a larger audience, Anjum said he hopes to spark conversations in the community.

This lecture is part of the UT Center for Religious Understanding’s annual lecture series, which has been active for more than a decade. The center promotes a deeper understanding of religion on campus and in greater Toledo.

For more information, visit the Imam Khattab Lecture Series page at http://utoledo.edu/imamkhattab.

UT College of Law’s OUTLaw and Equality Toledo to present on LGBTQ employment rights

By Kirsten M. Winek

The University of Toledo College of Law’s OUTLaw student group and Equality Toledo will present a free information session on LGBTQ Employment Rights Tuesday, April 12, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in the Law Center McCuahe Law Auditorium.

Presenters Lolita Davis from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Detroit and attorney Kera Paoff of Widman and Franklin LLC in Toledo will lead the information session. Topics will include laws and policies that protect gender identity expression and sexual orientation in the workplace, same-sex benefits, and social media harassment.

“Ohio is one of the states that still permits employment discrimination against LGBT people. This program will give attendees a perspective on legal trends, as well as practical advice on how to effectively handle claims of discrimination by employers,” said Robert Salem, clinical professor of law and chair of Equality Toledo’s Board of Trustees.

OUTLaw is a law student-run organization whose mission is to “to advance civil rights and promote tolerance for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.” According to its website, Equality Toledo, a local nonprofit, “works to eliminate discrimination in our region based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression through education, activism, and other anti-defamation efforts.”

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medical microbiology and immunology in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. Five criterion teams have been working for the past 18 months to complete the UT Assurance Argument that consists of a narrative and evidence to support how well the University is meeting the five criteria and core components set forth by the Higher Learning Commission.

The five criteria are: Mission; Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct; Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources and Support; Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement; and Resources, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness.

The completed UT Assurance Argument and evidence was submitted to HLC March 11. The argument can be viewed at utoledo.edu/hlc.

During the three-day campus visit, the HLC site team will meet with key UT leadership, faculty, staff, students, and those involved in preparing the Assurance Argument, and will hold open forums.

Open forums will be held:

Monday, April 11 — Main Campus
• Staff: 2 to 3 p.m., Student Union Room 2584
• Students: 3 to 4 p.m., Student Union Room 2582
• Faculty: 4 to 5 p.m., Student Union Room 2582

Tuesday, April 12 – Health Science Campus
• Staff: 1 to 2 p.m., Health Education Building Room 105
• Faculty: 3 to 4 p.m., Health Education Building Room 103
• Students: 4 to 5 p.m., Health Education Building Room 105

“These open forums are important opportunities for the UT community to meet with the reviewers and share their own UT experiences and demonstrate our strong engagement in the review process,” Sawicki said.

Based on the Assurance Argument, campus interviews and additional information found during the visit, the Higher Learning Commission review team will file a complete report and recommendations.
April 11 date for UT annual awards ceremony

Several faculty and staff members will be honored at the UT Outstanding Awards Reception Monday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Radisson Hotel Grand Ballroom on Health Science Campus.

Awards for outstanding advising, research and scholarship, and teaching will be presented, and the recipients of the Edith Rathbun Outreach and Engagement Excellence Award will be recognized.

“We have many talented and dedicated faculty and advisers, so selecting award recipients is always difficult,” Interim Provost John Barrett said. “These outstanding individuals are extraordinary in their accomplishments and are extremely deserving of these awards.”

Outstanding Staff Award nominations sought

Nominations for the 2016 Outstanding Staff Award are due Monday, April 11.

Take a few minutes to nominate staff members who exceed expectations and enhance the University environment for students, patients, staff, faculty and the community.

Eligible nominees must be full-time or part-time (20 hours or more) regular employees (contingent, temporary and intermittent employees are not eligible), and have at least two years of service at the University.

Senior administrators and previous award recipients are ineligible if they have received the Outstanding Staff Award within the past three years.

All nominees will be acknowledged at an awards ceremony Tuesday, May 3, at 3 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. A total of five employees will be selected to receive plaques and $1,000.

Nominations will be accepted from faculty, physicians, staff, students, patients and community members.

The selection committee for the awards consists of previous winners and a representative from the Human Resources and Talent Development Department.

The selection committee will consider:

- Career accomplishments and outstanding contributions on the job;
- Commitment to improvement and innovation; and
- Leadership and loyalty to The University of Toledo community.

The nomination form is available at http://utole.do/outstandingstaffaward. If you have any issues with the online form, email vicki.riddick@utoledo.edu.

Ohio Humanities assistant director to speak at faculty grant writing workshop

This year, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs has sponsored five faculty grant writing workshops, the fourth of which will be held Friday, April 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Student Union Room 2591.

The fourth workshop will focus on communication, art and the humanities, and will feature a special guest speaker: Dr. David J. Merkowitz, assistant director of Ohio Humanities.

Merkowitz will give a presentation titled “Ohio Humanities: A Resource for Public Humanities Projects” and share resources for public humanities projects with attendees.

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during that survey period to be recognized for excellence in providing quality care to patients with cancer.

The center also was awarded a three-year commendation for being a Teaching Hospital Cancer Program, meaning it met the requirements in association with a medical school, it offers a full range of diagnostic and treatment services on campus, and it trains residents in multiple disciplines.

“We strive to provide the best possible experience and outcome in cancer diagnosis, treatment and support. In the few years since our opening [in 2013], much has been accomplished through the Dana Cancer Center,” Seifert said.

To learn more about the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center, visit http://uthealth.utoledo.edu/centers/cancer/about.
**Book it: UT events slated to honor National Library Week**

UT Libraries has scheduled several events to celebrate National Library Week, April 10-16.

This year’s theme is “Libraries Transform.” Across the country, libraries will highlight the role they play in changing people’s lives.

“University Libraries is proud to once again celebrate National Library Week with an exciting series of events,” Barbara Floyd, interim director of University Libraries, said. “At a time when many of our patrons use our resources without ever coming into the library, these events are a chance to remind students and faculty that the library is more than just resources they can access from their computer.

“The library continues to be a place where ideas are discussed, where creativity happens, and where lives are transformed,” Floyd, professor and director of the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections, said.

Listed by date, events will be:

- **Friday, April 8** — Papermaking Workshop, 1 to 3 p.m., Carlson Library Room 2004. Karen Roderick-Lingeman, senior lecturer in the UT Art Department, will demonstrate how to make handcrafted paper. Space is limited; sign up for the workshop at the circulation desk or email david.remaklus@utoledo.edu.

- **Monday, April 11** — Book Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Carlson Library Concourse. "Used books, books published by UT Press and more will be for sale, cash only. Sales will benefit the library’s acquisitions funds.

- **Tuesday, April 12** — Poetry Slam, 6 to 9 p.m., Carlson Library Room 1005. There will be featured readers from Toledo Poet, Adams Street Slam, and Developing, Enhancing and Empowering Poets, and anyone is invited to share his or her work at the open mic.

- **Wednesday, April 13** — Introduction to Fine Bookmaking and Letterpress Demonstration, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Memorial Field House Room 1310. Timothy Geiger, UT professor of English and poet, will lead the presentation.

- **Thursday, April 14** — “My NaNo Journey” by National Novel Writing Month author Cyndi Pauwels, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Carlson Library Room 2010. She wrote her debut novel, *Fifty & Out*, during NaNoWriMo 2006. The crime fiction work is set in the Toledo area, where Pauwels lived until 2004. Her writing credits include *Historic Warren County: An Illustrated History*, several anthologized essays and numerous short stories. Pauwels is the assistant director of the Antioch Writers’ Workshop and teaches composition at Antioch University Midwest in Yellow Springs, Ohio. — Game Night, 6 to 10 p.m., Carlson Library Room 2010. Stop by to compete in Magic the Gathering, euchre and Super Smash Bros. tournaments, or play board and video games.

- **Tuesday, April 19** — Book Discussion and Signing, 3:30 to 5 p.m., Canaday Center. Dr. Blair Grubb, Distinguished University Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at The University of Toledo, will talk about his book, *The Calling*, which explores bonds between physicians and their patients.

For more information on UT’s celebration of National Library Week, go to http://libguides.utoledo.edu/nlw.

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**Graduating seniors asked to complete First Destination Survey**

_By Cathy Zimmer_

T he University of Toledo in conjunction with its Center for Experiential Learning and Career Services is piloting UT’s First Destination Survey for graduating seniors.

The survey consists of less than 10 questions, most with drop-down responses making it fast and easy to complete.

Students that complete the survey will have the opportunity to enter a prize drawing, which includes an iPod touch package valued at $328.

Starting Monday, April 4, the survey will be emailed to students who have applied for graduation, and it will remain open through Monday, May 16.

In addition, when students reach 100 credit hours, a message will automatically appear on their degree audits noting they need to complete the survey. The University of Toledo’s First Destination Survey is required to be completed, even if other program-specific surveys are administered at another time.

“The goal of the survey is to collect and report post-graduation status of newly graduated undergraduate Rockets from all colleges and majors,” said Shelly Drouillard, director of the Center for Experiential Learning and Career Services. “Survey data will provide us with critical information necessary for institutional reporting, career and academic advising, and recruitment.

“With the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) site visit scheduled for April 11-13, the University looks to share preliminary data with the HLC peer evaluators,” Drouillard added. “We are asking all advisers, success coaches, faculty advisers, and faculty teaching senior exit or capstone courses to encourage student completion of the survey by Friday, April 8, particularly students who know for certain what their first destination will be after graduation.”

Questions may be directed to Drouillard at shelly.drouillard@utoledo.edu or 419.530.7600.
The University of Toledo Department of Theatre and Film will present the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" Friday through Sunday, April 8 to 10, 15 to 17 and 22 to 24, in which a hapless florist rises to fame and fortune when he accommodates his plant’s hunger for blood and human flesh.

A live chamber orchestra comprised of UT music students will accompany each performance under the direction of Nathanael Leonard, Toledo Public Schools music teacher and UT Department of Music alumnus.

The book and lyrics for this cult classic were written by Howard Ashman with music by Alan Menken.

UT’s performances will be directed by Dr. Edmund Lingan, associate professor and chair of theatre and film. Choreography will be created by Jessica Bonenfant-Coogan, who has collaborated with Lingan over a 10-year period on productions in Toledo and New York City.

"With this production of ‘Little Shop of Horrors,’ I am returning to the film-noir look of the original 1960 movie that the musical is based on,” Lingan said. “I first saw the movie when I was a little kid, and it was the first time that I realized horror could be funny. I think that’s probably why it translated into a musical comedy so well. Of course, the plot and the songs of the musical are really wonderful.”

The cast is a mix of UT theatre and music students, some UT alumni, and two faculty members: Cornel Gabara, associate professor of theatre, and Denise Ritter-Bernardini, assistant professor of music and director of the UT Opera Ensemble.

"The acting, scenery, costumes and singing in this production are going to wow the audience,” Lingan said. “I think people are going to have a great time with this one.”

Performances will be held Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre.

Tickets are $20 general admission; $15 for UT faculty, staff, alumni, seniors and members of the military; and $10 for students and children. Tickets are available in advance from the UT Center for Performing Arts Box Office, by calling 419.530.ARTS (2787), and online at utoledo.tix.com.

Bus stop

David Wesenberg, a student in the College of Business and Innovation, checked out the C-SPAN Bus, which stopped March 16 on Main Campus. Students and employees had the chance to see the interactive, multi-media learning center on wheels that brings C-SPAN’s coverage of public affairs to communities nationwide and shows people how to follow Washington Your Way.

Love thyself

A recent survey found just 4 percent of women call themselves beautiful — that's a figure that needs to change, Jes Baker told the crowd in Doermann Theater. The self-love advocate and well-known blogger gave a presentation titled "Change Your World, Not Your Body: The Social Impact of Healthy Self-Love" March 24. Baker is the author of the blog The Militant Baker, and the “Attractive and Fat” campaign, which combated Abercrombie & Fitch’s exclusivity through photos meant to challenge the notion that beauty is restricted. Her talk was in honor of Women's History Month and part of the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women’s Lecture and Film Series, and was co-sponsored by the President’s Lecture Series on Diversity.
Toledo to hold spring football game April 9

By Brian DeBenedictis

Toledo will hold its annual Blue and Gold Spring Scrimmage Saturday, April 9, in the Glass Bowl. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m., and admission is free.

Rocket players and coaches will sign autographs after the game in the West Concourse at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Prior to the contest, UT will hold a football clinic for youth in eighth grade and younger from 11 a.m. to noon. Check-in for the free clinic will begin at 10:40 a.m. Pre-registration is required. Registration forms for the youth clinic can be found online at utrockets.com. Call J.J. Ruppert at 419.530.5433 for more information.

There also will be activities like face-painting, corn hole and football toss for kids in the West Concourse of the Glass Bowl from noon to 1 p.m. on game day, while the Rockets are warming up on the field.

First-year Head Coach Jason Candle’s squad returns 15 starters and 48 letterwinners from last year’s 10-2 team. Eight starters are back on offense, four on defense and three specialists.

Among the returnees are six players who have earned All-Mid-American Conference honors at some point in their respective careers: senior running back Kareem Hunt, senior offensive lineman Storm Norton, senior safety DeJuan Rogers, senior wide receiver Corey Jones, senior defensive lineman Treyvon Hester and junior running back Terry Swanson.

Toledo will start its season Saturday, Sept. 3, at Arkansas State. UT’s home opener is one week later, Saturday, Sept. 10, vs. Maine.

For season ticket orders, call 419.530.GOLD (4653) for more information.

Hundreds of Midwest grad students to gather, present research at UT April 9

By Ashley Gearheart

Graduate students from across the Midwest will come together at The University of Toledo to present their research Saturday, April 9, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Memorial Field House and Student Union.

The Midwest Graduate Research Symposium, which originated at UT seven years ago, invites graduate students from all disciplines to share their research and vie for several awards.

More than 130 students have already registered to present, and nearly 70 universities have been invited to the event, which is sponsored and put on annually by the UT Graduate Student Association.

“Commulcations officer for the Graduate Student Association. “Our attendance has increased each year, and we hope 2016 will continue that trend and be our biggest symposium to date.”

The keynote speaker this year will be Dr. Ronald Delph from Eastern Michigan University. His presentation, “Four Decades of European Travel With Homer, Henry Adams and Virgil,” was chosen in the hopes that it would resonate with all graduate students in attendance regardless of their research interests, according to Sherman.

This year, both oral and poster presenters will have the opportunity to win a first-, second- or third-place plaque and certificate to commemorate their achievements. Other awards include the Association of Women in Science Award, a $100 prize that will go to the top presenting woman in a STEM field, and the Sigma Xi UT Chapter Award.

All participants are invited to the awards dinner following the symposium.

In addition to the chance to present research and win recognition, the symposium provides a number of opportunities for professional development and networking, including a business lunch, an awards ceremony and dinner, a lunchtime grant writing panel, and more.

The Graduate Student Association is still seeking judges and volunteers for the event. All judges and volunteers will be provided lunch and dinner, and volunteers will be granted an automatic six-month active Graduate Student Association membership.

For more information or to volunteer for the event, visit http://utoledo.do/gsa.
UTeach Job Fair April 11 for education students, alumni

By Ashley Gearheart

The 2016 UTeach Job Fair will be held Monday, April 11, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

The job fair will feature more than 60 schools from across the state and country seeking to interview and hire students for open positions.

Current education students and alumni who are student teaching or already have a teaching license are encouraged to attend.

The open interview sign-up period will run from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by a series of 25-minute interviews from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch will begin at noon and end at 1 p.m., at which time interviews will resume until 4 p.m.

There is no cost for students and alumni teacher candidates to attend. To register, visit utoledo.edu/education/jobfair and click “Student Registration Information” on the left side of the page.

For more information, contact Libbey McKnight at 419.530.4967 or elizabeth.mcknight@utoledo.edu.

UT employees may schedule graduate photos

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

Contact Laurie Flowers at laurie.flowers@utoledo.edu or 419.530.2002 to schedule an appointment before Wednesday, May 11.

Photos will appear in an upcoming issue of the paper.

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