

UToledo astronomer wins observing time on Hubble after most competitive cycle in history

By Christine Billau

This summer's 50th anniversary of the historic Apollo 11 moon landing also marks a major life milestone for the UToledo astronomer who is a world leader in her particularly male-dominated field.

"I was born in 1969, two months after Neil Armstrong took one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," Dr. Rupali Chandar, professor of astronomy, said. "I am delighted every time the anniversary comes up in July — the moon landing epitomized the human spirit of discovery, and that same spirit drives my research to understand our universe of galaxies."

Chandar, who studies star formation in galaxies far, far away with her feet firmly on Earth, is gearing up to once again use NASA's Hubble Space Telescope for her research.

However, this year is extra-special for two reasons.

Chandar not only won coveted observing time in the most competitive cycle in history, she also leads the Space Telescope Users Committee.

Chandar heads the group of 12 astrophysicists from around the world who act as the direct interface between astronomers who want to use the telescope and top-level management of the Hubble project. Committee members hail from places with prestigious astronomical communities such as Harvard and Arizona State, as well as Paris, Spain and Italy.

She is the second UToledo astronomer to lead this powerful committee.

Dr. Michael Cushing, associate professor of physics and astronomy, and director of

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STAR SEARCH: Dr. Rupali Chandar, professor of astronomy, was awarded 40 hours of observing time with the Hubble Telescope between July and early 2020. Her work will focus on star formation in nearby galaxies.

MAC Tournament Champions!



Photo by Will Edmonds

The Toledo softball team took a selfie after winning three games May 11 to capture the Mid-American Conference Tournament Championship for the first time in program history. The No. 7 seed Rockets went on a five-game tear in the loser's bracket, taking down No. 4 Northern Illinois, No. 2 Kent State, No. 1 Miami and No. 3 Ohio. The victory qualified Toledo to play in first-round regional action of the 2019 NCAA Softball Championships. In the Lexington Regional, the Rockets fell to No. 14 Kentucky, 7-2, May 17 and were eliminated on a two-run walk-off home run in a 2-0 loss to Illinois May 18. Toledo finished the season with a 29-28 record. "This team showed they can play with anybody, including the top Power Five teams in the country," Head Coach Joe Abraham said. "I couldn't be more proud of this team."

National Youth Sports Program celebrates 50 years at UToledo

By Tyrel Linkhorn

The National Youth Sports Program at The University of Toledo will soon celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The three-week summer camp, hosted on UToledo's campus every year since 1969, provides a blend of athletic and educational programming for income-eligible children to help them build social skills, confidence and healthy lifestyles.

About 150 area youth between the ages of 9 and 16 are expected to participate in this year's program, which takes place weekdays from 10:30 a.m. to

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Huntington, UToledo partner to create new Opportunity Scholarship

A new scholarship made possible with a generous gift from Huntington Bank will power opportunity for The University of Toledo students to achieve their educational goals.

Sharon Speyer, president of Huntington's Northwest Ohio Region and a member of the UToledo Board of Trustees, presented UToledo President Sharon L. Gaber with a \$200,000 check May 20 to create the Huntington Bank Opportunity Scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded over the next four years to degree-seeking undergraduate students based on financial need.

"Access to knowledge is something we should aspire for all of our children," Speyer said. "Having said that, the cost of education can be a barrier for some. We wanted to create a program, with the University, to provide more opportunities to potential students to study and learn at this fine institution."

"This investment by Huntington in our students will have a powerful impact on not only the individuals awarded the scholarship, but also on the community we both serve as these individuals graduate and become the future leaders in our region," Gaber said. "I want to thank Huntington

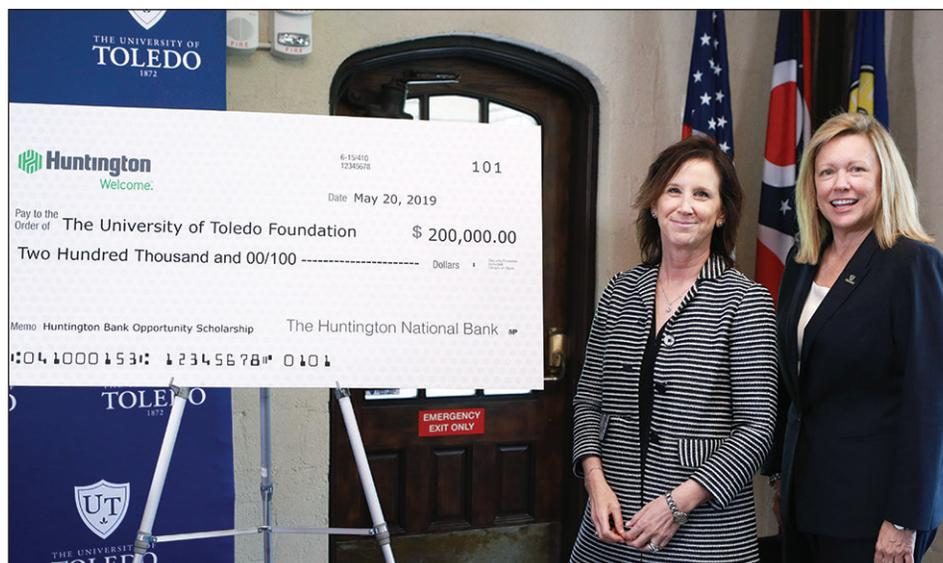


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CREATING OPPORTUNITIES: Sharon Speyer, president of Huntington's Northwest Ohio Region and a member of the UToledo Board of Trustees, left, presented UToledo President Sharon L. Gaber with a \$200,000 check to create the Huntington Bank Opportunity Scholarship.

for our strong partnership and its ongoing support of UToledo."

With the gift, Huntington has now given more than \$2 million to UToledo since 1975 in support of academic, athletic and student affairs programming.

The first Huntington Bank Opportunity Scholarships worth a total of \$50,000 were awarded to 40 students for the upcoming 2019-20 academic year.

Students are eligible for consideration if they demonstrate financial need after completing the Free Application for Student Aid, known as the FAFSA, and after completing Office of Student Financial Aid's general scholarship application. Preference will be given to residents of Lucas County.

Interim dean for College of Health and Human Services announced

Interim Provost Karen Bjorkman has announced Dr. Barry Scheuermann's appointment as interim dean of the College of Health and Human Services, effective July 1, following Dr. Christopher Ingersoll's resignation late last month.



Scheuermann

The University will begin a national search for the position this fall.

Most recently, Scheuermann has served as the College of Health and Human Services' associate dean of academic affairs.

He has held various administrative and faculty appointments since joining UToledo in 2003.

"I want to thank Barry for his willingness to serve The University of Toledo during this transition," Bjorkman said. "I also want to thank Chris for his dedication to UToledo. As a proud Rocket alumnus, we wish Chris nothing but the best in his new role."

Coming down



Photos by Daniel Miller

Workers from Geddis Paving and Excavating Inc. in Toledo, right, ensured that a section of the Savage Arena pedestrian bridge was ready to be removed. A 167-foot, 300-ton crane from Schaedler Enterprises Inc. in Toledo was used this month to take out the span. The new pedestrian bridge is on schedule to be completed Monday, Aug. 12, according to Doug Collins, director of grounds and transportation.

Correction

Two photos of researchers who worked on a study about using rice husks to remove microcystin from water were incorrectly identified in the May 13 issue of UT News. Dr. Dilrukshika Palagama and Dr. Amila Devasurendra were doctoral



Devasurendra

students when they proposed looking at rice husks as a way to remove microcystin; they have since graduated from the University. Dr. Jon Kirchhoff, Distinguished University Professor and chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Dr. Dragan Isailovic, associate professor of chemistry, are leading the study.



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Ritter Planetarium, led the committee in 2015 and 2016.

“It’s unusual for one university to have had more than one representative in the group — let alone two people who have led the committee’s work,” said Dr. Karen Bjorkman, interim provost and Distinguished University Professor of Astronomy. “Dr. Chandar is a shining star for women in science and contributes significantly to The University of Toledo’s research excellence in astronomy and astrophysics.”

Every year astronomers around the world vie for precious minutes of Hubble’s view of unfathomably distant celestial targets. It is NASA’s flagship space telescope.

“I’ve used Hubble data from the beginning of my career, and this cycle was the most challenging one in my experience, with only one in 12 proposals being successful,” Chandar said. “I am thrilled that my proposal was approved.”

As head of the Space Telescope Users Committee, she helped implement the dual-anonymous selection process that debuted this cycle, which means the names of the proposers and reviewers are made known only after the review process is complete.

“Hubble is leading the way in emphasizing the science and ideas that are proposed, and not who is doing the proposing,” Chandar said. “Although it’s too early to tell, this double-blind review process has the potential to reduce inherent bias.”

Chandar, a mother of two who joined the UToledo faculty in 2007, was awarded approximately 40 hours of observing time spread out between July and early 2020. Her work will help understand star formation in some of the most intensely star-forming galaxies found in the nearby universe.

And by nearby, she means those 130 million to 300 million light years away.

These galaxies are generating stars at a pace about 100 times faster than the Milky Way.

“In the modern-day nearby universe, most galaxies form stars at a modest rate,” Chandar said. “I will be observing a sample of the few actively merging, nearby galaxies that have rates of star formation that are as high as galaxies in the early universe. Studying them gives us insight into what was happening when the universe was young and galaxies were just starting to form.”

Astronomers can’t study details of star formation in early galaxies because they’re too far away. We’re talking billions and billions of light years.

However, astronomers believe new, more powerful telescopes in the pipeline, like the James Webb Space Telescope, will make it possible to study the evolution of the earliest stars in greater detail than ever before.

As Chandar looks ahead to the next 50 years of space exploration, it’s vitally important for her to inspire children, especially girls, to take the step toward science.

“Girls in elementary school are just as interested in science as boys. It’s alarming how much that changes during middle school,” Chandar said. “When I was in fifth and sixth grades, I read about the formation of the solar system and wrote reports about black holes, but I didn’t think you could do astronomy as a career until I took a class during my sophomore year of college.”

She ended up earning her Ph.D. in astrophysics at Johns Hopkins University in 2000.

“Good professors make a difference,” Chandar said. “Without many female astronomers around, my mentors have been almost exclusively men. Their support has been critical for achieving my dream career.”

Chandar has one more connection to the moon landing, besides being born in 1969.

“I was lucky enough to hear Neil Armstrong’s last public address at the July 21, 2012, First Light Gala to celebrate the debut of the Discovery Channel Telescope when The University of Toledo joined as a scientific partner,” Chandar said. “We were all devastated when Neil died just a few weeks after that.”

As part of the partnership, UToledo students and researchers use the Discovery Channel Telescope at Lowell Observatory in Arizona to collect data on a wide variety of objects, from the closest failed stars known as brown dwarfs to star-forming regions within our own galaxy to more distant merging galaxies.



LOOKING TO THE STARS: Even as a child, Dr. Rupali Chandar was looking skyward. She was born two months after the Apollo moon landing and is shown in this photo with her mother, Sneh Chandar.

The 4.3-meter telescope located south of Flagstaff overlooks the Verde Valley and is the fifth largest telescope in the continental United States and one of the most technologically advanced.

The Discovery Channel Telescope partnership has been a boon to UToledo astronomers and helped put the astronomy department on the map.

“It’s another powerful tool at our fingertips to continue NASA’s mission and push technology to new frontiers over the next 50 years,” Chandar said.



Scientific method

More than 130 sophomore high school girls were on campus for the 10th annual Women in STEM Day of Meetings, which goes by the acronym WISDOM. The students were introduced to the world of science and technology through hands-on experiments and demonstrations with female scientists and engineers. The event was hosted by the Northwestern Ohio Chapter of the Association for Women in Science.

Photo by Daniel Miller

UToledo precision medicine researcher edits premier textbook on cellular response to stress

By Tyrel Linkhorn

Within every living cell are microscopic proteins that play the role of chaperone when things get dicey.

Called heat shock proteins, the molecules have a starring role in a cell's response to external stresses such as excessive temperatures, infection or exposure to toxins.



Asea

"There is always motion in the cell, but when stressors come, those motions can actually stop. When they stop, the cell dies," said Dr. Alexzander Asea, a professor in The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences. "Heat shock proteins prevent that from happening."

By wrapping themselves around other proteins, heat shock proteins preserve order and essential functions within the cell, ensuring it can survive.

Asea has studied heat shock proteins for more than 20 years. His work has been key in identifying and developing potential targets for cancer vaccines and in identifying new cancer biomarkers.

Recently, Asea collaborated with Dr. Punit Kaur, an assistant professor also in the Department of Medicine, to edit a new textbook called "Regulation of Heat Shock Protein Responses."

"The book provides the most comprehensive review on contemporary knowledge on the regulation of heat shock protein responses and the consequences to human diseases and disorders," Asea said. "Since we know heat shock proteins have



Kaur

a very important role in regulating a sort of immune response against stress, many have been working on designing drugs targeting that action."

The book, published by Springer Nature, is available in both digital and print versions.

Asea, who also is director of the new Precision Therapeutics Proteogenomics Diagnostics Center, joined UToledo in 2018 from MD Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas, where he was a visiting professor of radiation oncology. He also has taught at Harvard Medical School, the Boston University School of Medicine and the Morehouse School of Medicine.

At UToledo, Asea is playing an important role in furthering the precision therapy cancer treatment program by using proteogenomics to better understand an individual patient's disease so doctors can identify the specific targeted therapies that are most likely to help them.

"It's a more holistic approach. For precision medicine, we have to look at the whole human and not just part of the human," he said. "That's what makes medicine now really exciting."

Nurse education history book published by UToledo Press receives award

"Caps, Capes, and Caring: The Legacy of Diploma Nursing Schools in Toledo" has won the 2018 Local History Publication Award in the Independent Scholar Division from the Bowling Green State University Center for Archival Collections.

Published by The University of Toledo Press, the book chronicles a century of nursing education in the Glass City.

Authors Patricia Ringos Beach, Susan J. Eisel, Maria E. Nowicki, Judy Harris Szor and Beth E. White will receive a \$300 cash prize this fall at an event at Bowling Green, where they will discuss their work.

The BGSU contest was established to encourage and recognize authors of outstanding publications about northwest Ohio history.

This is the UToledo Press' seventh award since 2006.

"This group of health-care professionals are so deserving of this honor," Yarko Kuk, managing editor of the UToledo Press said. "They interviewed countless fellow nurses and produced a book that documents more than 100 years of the evolution of nursing schools in Toledo.

The memories, stories and history contained in 'Caps' would have been lost were it not for the efforts of these dedicated women. Their book offers a wonderful peek into the field of nursing as it evolved over the past century."

"Caps, Capes, and Caring" tells the story of the eight hospital-based diploma schools of nursing that were operating in Toledo from 1893 to 1999.

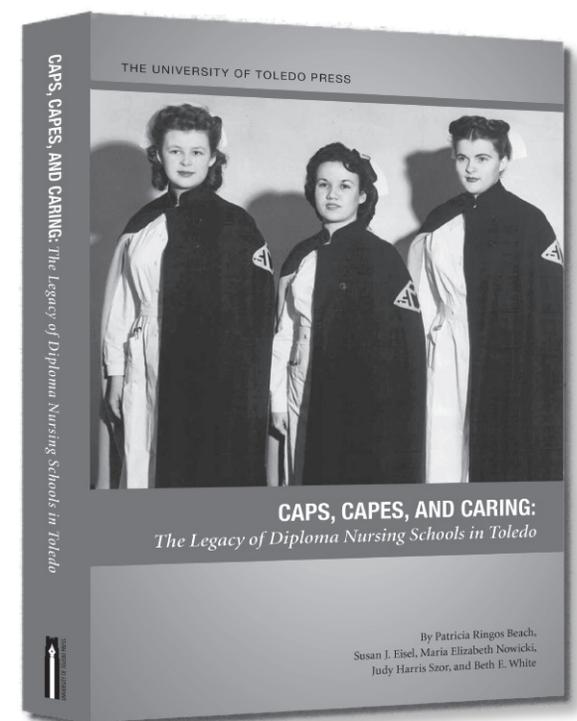
The authors, all hospital diploma school graduates, taught together as nursing faculty at the Toledo Hospital School of Nursing. Beach, Eisel, Nowicki and Szor are alumnae of MCO/MUO/UToledo, where they received advanced degrees in nursing and education.

To write the book, the authors interviewed nearly 100 Toledo diploma school graduates. Their memories and stories are celebrated in the book, which also includes historical images and photographs.

"I was a bit curious about how the book would turn out, considering we were working with five authors," Kuk said. "When they initially pitched the book

idea, they were describing something far different than the 320-plus-page work we have today. They thought it might be around 100 pages with about 100 photos. But as they turned in the manuscript, chapter by chapter, it became clear we had something really special. When I sat down with them after our first major edit of the entire draft and told them we were around 280 pages without photos, they just could not believe it. I had to tell them several times they had something really exceptional before it sank in."

"We are so pleased to have won this award," Beau Case, dean of University Libraries, said. "The prize both recognizes the hard work of Yarko Kuk and the authors, as well as the continued valuable contributions to local history that the Press makes."



"Caps, Capes, and Caring: The Legacy of Diploma Nursing Schools in Toledo" is \$24.95 and available at utoledopress.com.

Minority vendor showcase coming to campus May 29

By Anna Brogan-Knight

The University of Toledo will host a Minority Supplier Showcase Wednesday, May 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Ingman Room.

“The purpose of this showcase is to promote University spending with local companies. It’s a great opportunity for purchasers on campus to become familiar with and consider utilizing the goods and services offered by businesses in our region that they may not be aware of,” said Dr. Willie McKether, vice president for diversity and inclusion.

Part of the University’s Strategic Plan for Diversity and Inclusion, the Minority Supplier Showcase increases knowledge and awareness of Minority Business Enterprises and Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Excellence businesses with a goal of increasing their participation as providers of goods and services for UToledo.

Twenty-four vendors will be at the showcase; these will include companies specializing in office supplies, promotional products, furniture and transportation.

There will be samples, prizes, food and live music. Faculty, staff and community members are encouraged to attend.

Representatives of UToledo’s Minority Business Development Center and Minority Business Assistance Center will be available with information about resources and education opportunities.

For more information, contact Vera Mendoza at 419.530.5535 or diversity@utoledo.edu.

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Diversity and Inclusion

Ready to roll: New bikes available

By Christine Wasserman

As part of the comprehensive transportation services UToledo offers students, faculty and staff, new bicycles — including tandem, hand-pedal and tricycle bikes — have been added to Rocket Wheels' existing fleet.

"By providing a variety of bikes, we're not only increasing accessibility and convenience for our campus community, but also ensuring individuals with disabilities have equal opportunity to use various transportation options," said Bonnie Murphy, associate vice president for auxiliaries.

Along with 10 regular bikes added to the fleet this spring, Parking and Transportation Services now offers several specialty bikes, which became available May 13 on Main Campus.

"We looked for a corporate sponsor to keep our Rocket Wheels' bike fleet in top-notch condition each year," explained Sherri Kaspar, director of parking and transportation. "Thankfully, Walmart immediately stepped up to the plate and provided funding for several new bikes."

"We're excited about this partnership with The University of Toledo," said Jeffrey Gerber, Walmart assistant store manager. "Once we learned of the University's goal to add variety to their fleet and introduce bikes that will accommodate persons with

disabilities, we wanted to help."

Bikes may be checked out with your Rocket Card and should be returned to one of four locations conveniently located throughout campus: next to the west parking garage, by Rocket Hall near the horse sculpture, next to Ritter Planetarium and by the North Engineering Building.

To register to use these bikes and review safety guidelines, visit Rocket Wheels' website at utoledo.edu/parkingservices/rocket-wheels.

In addition to bikes, Lime scooters also are available if you need to travel from one corner of campus to another. Riders are reminded to use scooters only on campus.

The UToledo Student Code of Conduct, as well as all local and federal laws, are applicable whenever you use Lime scooters. For more information, visit the electric scooter sharing web page at utoledo.edu/parkingservices/electric-scooters.



FREE-WHEELING: Students showed off some of the new bicycles available through Rocket Wheels. Cailey Giuffre and Hope Clark are on the tandem; Nick Schaup is on the hand-pedal bike; and Grayling Keune is on the tricycle.

"All University transportation information, including TARTA bus service schedules, is available on our Parking and Transportation Services' website [at utoledo.edu/parkingservices]," Kaspar said. "Our No. 1 goal is to make sure our

customers — especially students — have several options to get around campus, while also remaining safe."

If you have any questions related to UToledo transportation services, contact parking@utoledo.edu.

Strike out for fun: Build-A-Trust Bowl-A-Thon June 15

By Chase M. Foland

In the spirit of bringing people together, UT electrician George Hayes Jr. is throwing a bowling event for kids, cops, military members and firefighters.

On Saturday, June 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the seventh Build-A-Trust Bowl-A-Thon will be held at Southwyck Lanes, 5255 Heatherdowns Blvd. in Toledo.

"I've been a youth bowling coordinator and coach since 2001 with the Toledo Bowling Senate Junior League," Hayes said. "Because of all the issues going on with our youth today, I just wanted to do something in addition to the league where we can all try and build the trust level between the police and our youth."

Courtesy of JCILH Inc. of McDonald's, all youth 17 and younger bowl for free.

Other participants can bowl three games for \$5 per person (shoes included).

Hayes explained this event is meant to knock down the walls and introduce youth to authority figures.

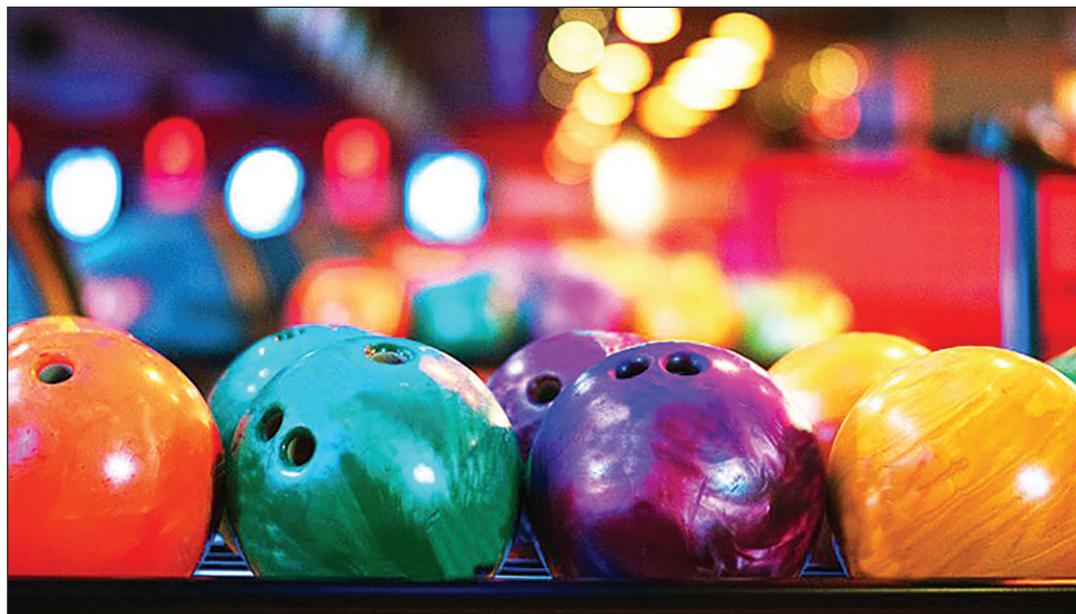
"This is a way to bring all groups together in a fun atmosphere — no pressure on anyone," Hayes said.

"Some kids are afraid of the police, and some police are a little nervous around some kids and young adults. This is a way to bring all groups together in a fun atmosphere," he added.

There will be music and door prizes at the event, which is expected to bring together more than 100 people.

The Toledo Bowling Senate junior coordinator started the event in 2015.

For more information, contact Hayes at george.hayes@utoledo.edu.



UToledo's 'Beer Professor,' alumni entrepreneurs to speak at craft beer lecture and tasting June 13

By Christine Billau

The community is invited to attend the Craft Beer Lecture and Tasting Thursday, June 13, at 6 p.m. at the UToledo Center for Alumni and Donor Engagement, located at 4510 Dorr St.

Dr. Neil Reid, UToledo professor of geography and planning, affectionately known as the "Beer Professor," will speak about the growth of the craft beer industry and the factors driving that growth. He teaches a class titled The Geography of Beer and Brewing.

Reid's latest research about the impact of craft breweries on home values was featured in publications across the country, including Food & Wine magazine and Better Homes and Gardens.

"America is in the middle of a craft beer revolution," Reid said. "Craft breweries often locate in neighborhoods that were once economically distressed. Thanks to the arrival of the craft brewery and other investments by both the public and private sector, many of these neighborhoods have become revitalized. In fact, our analysis shows living within a half mile of a craft brewery increased the average value of a single-family home by almost 10 percent, using Charlotte, N.C., as a case study."

Representatives from two Toledo breweries and UToledo alumni also will discuss their journey from home brewers to brewery owners. Keefe Snyder, who graduated from the College of Engineering in 2006 and the College of Law in 2010, is a co-owner of Earnest Brew Works. Aaron Grizaniuk, who graduated from University College in 2005, and Eric Pfohl co-own Patron Saints Brewery.

The event costs \$20 a person and includes eight 3-oz. beer samples and appetizers. The tasting is for people 21 and older.

To register, go to the Alumni Association website at toledoalumni.org/events/



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events.aspx?eid=1221 or call the Office of Alumni Engagement at 419.530.2586.

The event is hosted by the UToledo Arts and Letters and Engineering Alumni Affiliates.

Pride at the Pavilion Social set for June 6

The University of Toledo LGBTQ+ Alumni Affiliate will host the Pride at the Pavilion Social Thursday, June 6.

UToledo alumni, employees, students, fans and friends are invited to attend the free, family-friendly event that will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the William and Carol Koester Alumni Pavilion, which is located northwest of the Glass Bowl.

"We are holding Pride at the Pavilion to honor LGBTQ+ Pride Month," said Ryan Wright, president of the LGBTQ+ Alumni Affiliate. "Pride Month was established to recognize and celebrate LGBTQ+ people across the globe for their accomplishments and the contributions and impact they have made."

"2019 Pride Month is especially significant because this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising. For a half-century this June, the LGBTQ+ community has been actively fighting for liberation," he said. "With this event, we hope to unite our local LGBTQ+ community and our allies to join us in commemorating and celebrating this historic year and the transformative LGBTQ+ leaders of tomorrow."

Hot dogs, chips and pop will be served, and there will be a cash bar for those 21 and older.

And there'll be music and outdoor games, including cornhole.

"The Pride at the Pavilion Social is intended to be a casual gathering to mingle and have a good time with one another in the spirit of collectively celebrating our LGBTQ+ community," Wright, an instructor in the UToledo American Language Institute, said. "And this event is unquestionably dog-friendly because they, too, are our friends and members of our families."

Registrations are appreciated; go to the Alumni Association website at toledoalumni.org/events/events.aspx?eid=1222.



Rock on

Terri Hayes-Lepiarz, executive assistant in the College of Graduate Studies, sported her new Rocket Wellness shades as she painted a rock during Rocket Recharge. Rocket Wellness offered several activities this month to help employees relax and recharge their physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Events included cardio drumming, succulent gardening, a mindfulness workshop and stress management through journaling presentation.

Photo by Daniel Miller

Art faculty member awarded Ohio Arts Council grant

By Angela Riddel

Deborah Orloff, professor of photography and associate chair of The University of Toledo Department of Art, has received an Individual Excellence Award from the Ohio Arts Council for her body of work, “Elusive Memory.”



Orloff

According to the Ohio Arts Council website, the excellence awards “are peer recognition of artists for the exceptional merit of a body of their work that advances or exemplifies the discipline and

the larger artistic community. These awards support artists’ growth and development and recognize their work in Ohio and beyond.”

Orloff said the \$5,000 grant will be used to expand her “Elusive Memory” series and to exhibit it nationally.

The work was inspired by an experience she had following the death of her father in 2007 when she was preparing a

eulogy for his funeral. While drawing upon specific memories, she realized all of them were directly connected to photographs, causing her to wonder if she remembered the moments, or if the pictures had created false memories.

“I wanted to make work about this phenomenon, but the project didn’t actually take form until many years later,” Orloff said.

“About five years ago, I inherited thousands of neglected prints and slides that had been in my father’s basement, where they were damaged by flooding. I started photographing them in the studio, not knowing what I would do with the images, but hoping to salvage some of the family pictures for posterity,” she said. “It wasn’t until I saw them enlarged on a computer screen that I recognized their poignancy and greater relevance: I saw metaphors for loss and the fragmentary, ephemeral nature of memory.”

Her new work utilizes the severely damage photos.

“‘Elusive Memory’ explores the significance of vernacular photographs as aesthetic objects and cultural artifacts. The



“My Favorite Dress” from “Elusive Memory,” color photograph on rag paper, by Deborah Orloff

resulting large-scale photographs make commonplace objects monumental and emphasize their unique details,” Orloff said.

The exhibition is on display in Workspace Gallery in Lincoln, Neb. Upcoming exhibitions include Youngstown State University’s Solomon Gallery, Vincennes University’s Shircliff Gallery

in Indiana, and Anna Maria College’s Art Center Gallery in Massachusetts.

In addition, Orloff’s project was featured recently online at “Aint — Bad,” an independent publisher of new photographic art.

Samples of Orloff’s work can be seen on her website at deborahorloff.com.

Celebrating UToledo graduates



Talia Dunseth, a custodial worker who called herself “an ecstatic employee,” center, celebrated two University graduates May 4: her niece, Janelle D. Dunseth, and her son, Tevin D. Stuart. Janelle graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in interdisciplinary studies, and Tevin received a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a major in accounting and finance. Janelle will continue her education for a degree in mortuary science, and Tevin will pursue a career in accounting and finance.

Opening gig



Swingline Quartet, the UToledo saxophone ensemble, has scored a big gig — opening for the Toledo Symphony. The four will take the stage Friday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle. Members are, from left, Enrico Tabernero, a sophomore majoring in music; Rachel Nowicki, a junior majoring in music; Nate Ward, a sophomore majoring in music education; and Casey Ryan, a second-year medical student. With conductor Alain Trudel, the Toledo Symphony will perform at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$25 to \$60 and are available by calling 419.246.8000 or going online to toledosymphony.com.

UToledo to present summer workshops in the arts

By Angela Riddel

The University of Toledo School of Visual and Performing Arts will host several workshops and camps in the arts this summer.

These are day-camp only, no overnight stays. Parking during these events is free.

Workshops, dates and times are:

- **Art Camps** — June 3 through 7. There will be two weeklong camps for ages 7 to 10 and for ages 11 to 13. Each camp offers a morning workshop (9 a.m. to noon) and an afternoon session (1 to 4 p.m.). There will be a break between the morning and afternoon sessions, with supervision of students who stay for both workshops. Students staying all day are encouraged to bring a lunch and beverage; lunch is not provided. The workshops will be held in the Center for the Visual Arts on the University's Toledo Museum of Art Campus. Cost: \$60 for each workshop, \$105 for both, and includes all tools, materials and supplies needed. Deadline to register: Friday, May 31.
- **Theatre Camp** — June 3 through July 14. The Department of Theatre and Film will host the Children's Theatre Workshop of Toledo as it presents a workshop culminating in the performance of the teen musical, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood."

The Children's Theatre Workshop will prep students ages 13-18 to hold auditions, cast the show, and rehearse the musical for a weekend of public performances. Rehearsals and performances will take place in the Center for Performing Arts. Cost: \$180. Deadline to register: Saturday, June 1.

- **Flute Camp** — June 17 through 21. Toledo Symphony flutists Joel Tse and Amy Heritage will lead classes in all aspects of flute playing and performance. The three tracks available include a morning-only session for first- and second-year beginners, a full-day track for students with at least two years' experience, and another program for adults. Extras included in the camp fee: guest instructor-led sessions in yoga, drumming, eurhythmics and music theory, plus chamber and solo performance opportunities, a piccolo workshop, flute-care instruction and more. Flute Camp will be held at the Center for Performing Arts. Cost: Track one \$150, tracks two and three \$300; daily rate \$65 for those who cannot attend all days of the workshop. Deadline to register: Monday, June 10.
- **Jazz Jam Camp** — June 23 through 28. The Jazz Jam Camp will be

held at the Center for Performing Arts. It offers all levels of jazz instruction by master jazz musicians/educators, as well as performance opportunities and a recording session.

The camp is open to all people ages 12 and older. There are four program tracks: instrumental jazz, vocal jazz, teacher training (continuing education credit available) and jazz appreciation. Cost: \$500 (\$50 nonrefundable deposit plus \$450 camp fee). Daily lunch is included in the fees. Deadline to register: Saturday, June 1.

- **Choral Conducting Workshop** — July 23 through 25. This workshop is designed to serve and educate individuals as conductor, teacher, leader, scholar and performer. The workshop will be led by Dr. Brad Pierson, UToledo assistant professor of music and director of choral activities. Conductors may choose from either a three-day immersion workshop (July 23-25), or a one-day workshop (July 25).



CREATIVE SPIRITS: Students made masterpieces during an Art Camp last summer.

Coffee and a light breakfast will be provided in the mornings. The workshop will provide 18 contact hours of professional development for Ohio teachers. Cost: \$300 for the three-day option; \$100 for the one-day option if registered by Monday, July 1. After July 1, fees increase by \$25. This workshop will be held in the Center for Performing Arts. Deadline to register: Saturday, July 20.

For more information and to register, visit utoledo.edu/artsandculture/summerarts.html, or call the UToledo School of Visual and Performing Arts at 419.530.2452.

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3:30 p.m. beginning Monday, June 3, and running through Friday, June 21.

Registration information is available at utoledo.edu/hhs/clinics/nysp.

"For 50 years, the administration at The University of Toledo has seen the National Youth Sports Program as an asset to the community and to the University. There's a lot of credit due to a lot of people, and I'm proud we're able to continue offering this enriching experience," said Dr. Ruthie Kucharewski, professor and chair in the School of Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences, and administrator of the National Youth Sports Program.

A celebration to recognize the 50th anniversary will be held Sunday, June 9, at noon in the Health Education Center Gym.

The National Youth Sports Program was established by an act of Congress in

1968. UToledo was one of the first universities in the country to offer the federally funded program the following year.

Though federal funding for the program has since been cut, UToledo continues to operate the camp through fundraising and in-kind donations.

Participants receive instruction in a number of sports and recreational activities, such as soccer, basketball, track, swimming and fishing.

In addition to the athletic and recreation therapy activities, the youth are provided educational and health programs; academic tutoring; information about nutrition and personal hygiene; peer-refusal skills; and alcohol, tobacco and other drug seminars. The camp also schedules field trips and hosts a guest speaker every day at



Photo by Daniel Miller

ON TRACK: Students stretched on the track during UToledo's National Youth Sports Program.

lunch to inspire the children to become the best version of themselves.

"We want to make our community's youth well-rounded individuals. We're helping them to grow emotionally, psychologically, physically and socially through a variety of constructive recreational activities and educational

experiences," Kucharewski said. "I think that the experiences the children have at NYSP helps stimulate their imagination about their future, about what they might aspire to be when they grow up."

Honored



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Joely Giammarco, senior business manager in the Office of the Provost, left, received the Professional Staff Association's Frank E. Horton Award from Jamie Fager, senior business manager in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and chair of the Professional Staff Council. The award is named for the former UToledo president who was instrumental in establishing the association in 1992; it recognizes a PSA member who displays an outstanding commitment, exemplary support, advocacy and service to professional staff at the University. Giammarco served two terms on Professional Staff Council, and she was chair for three years.

In memoriam

Dr. Mark D. Gallagher, Toledo, died May 17 at age 62. He was a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Medicine from 1990 to 2018. He received a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University in 1979 and a doctor of medicine degree from MCO in 1984.

Richard J. Kozbial, Kalamazoo, Mich., a faculty member in the Judith Herb College of Education from 1994 to 2002, died April 9 at age 85. A UToledo alumnus, he received a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1957 and a master of education degree in curriculum and instruction in 1976.

Jeannette M. Ostman, Grove City, Ohio, who was a nurse at Maumee Valley Hospital and later MCO from 1950 until her retirement in 1978, died May 5 at age 95.

Dr. Donald B. Pribor, Toledo, a faculty member at the University for nearly 50 years, died May 15 at age 86. He came to campus as an assistant professor of biology in 1965 and was promoted to associate professor in 1972 and to professor in 1975. His early years were dedicated to research on red blood cells and cryobiology. During the 1970s, Pribor started teaching introductory biology courses for non-science majors and found his passion. He integrated the natural sciences with the social sciences and the humanities for his classes, which students dubbed "Priborology." The Detroit native wrote textbooks for his courses. He retired from the University in 2012.

Great motivator



Photo by Daniel Miller

Success is in the eye of the beholder — that's what Dr. German Garcia-Fresco, neuroscientist, entrepreneur and author, told more than 500 area junior high and high school students who attended the 17th annual Latino Youth Summit this month. He talked about the importance of understanding yourself and the personalities of others in order to be successful, and he shared his story about attending college and his career as a scientist whose research has led to advances in neurobiology, contributing to mechanisms involved in neurodegenerative diseases. Garcia-Fresco is director of the Adaptive Neuroscience Research Institute in San Diego and founder of Doctor Fresco Academy, an online education course platform. The recipient of the President's Award for excellence in genetics and biochemistry is the author of "Train Your Brain for Success: How a Healthy Brain is the Key to Happiness and Success." The summit is designed to showcase different educational opportunities UToledo provides along with other postsecondary options. The event encourages students to strive for success and a promising future while instilling a sense of pride for their heritage.

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Rockets earn record 3.294 grade point average spring semester

By Paul Helgren

University of Toledo student-athletes earned a combined grade point average of 3.294 in the 2019 spring semester. It is the highest semester GPA ever for the Rockets, edging out the previous record 3.290 that was set in fall 2017.

It is also the ninth consecutive semester in which UToledo student-athletes have earned a semester GPA of 3.2 or higher.

Women's soccer recorded the highest team semester GPA in school history with a mark of 3.792, breaking the previous team record of 3.780 set by women's golf in spring 2017.

Women's swimming and diving (3.661), men's golf (3.611) and women's cross country (3.605) were each above the 3.6 mark, and four other sports cracked 3.5.

"On behalf of our entire Athletic Department, I would like to congratulate our student-athletes on another great semester. They should all be very proud of this tremendous achievement," Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O'Brien said. "We have had consistently spectacular academic success in our program in recent years, so to set the all-time record

for highest grade point average is truly a remarkable feat worthy of praise.

"I would also like to express my deep gratitude to the Student-Athlete Academic Services staff, our dedicated University faculty, our coaches and all the parents who support their efforts. Special congratulations to Head Coach TJ Buchholz and our women's soccer program for posting the highest team GPA in school history."

"Congratulations to all of our student-athletes and to women's soccer for setting the highest team semester GPA in Toledo history," Ericka Lavender, associate athletic director for academic services, said. "None of this would be possible without the support and great work of my staff, head coaches and administration. We would also like to thank our faculty and staff for all of their tremendous efforts on behalf of our student-athletes."

A record 51 student-athletes earned president's list honors with a perfect 4.0 GPA. The previous record was 49 in spring 2016. In addition, 12 student-athletes competed in their sport while enrolled in graduate school courses.

TOLEDO 2019 SPRING SEMESTER TEAM GPAS

Overall Department GPA: 3.294 (school record)

Baseball	— 3.173
Men's Basketball	— 2.958
Women's Basketball	— 3.182
Men's Cross Country	— 3.053
Women's Cross Country	— 3.605
Football	— 2.932
Men's Golf	— 3.611
Women's Golf	— 3.528
Softball	— 3.526
Women's Soccer	— 3.792*
Women's Swimming and Diving	— 3.661
Men's Tennis	— 3.481
Women's Tennis	— 3.558
Women's Track and Field	— 3.524
Women's Volleyball	— 3.492

*Team record

Toledo football launches Rocket Reading Program

By Katherine Jamtgaard

The University of Toledo football team is launching the Rocket Football Reading Program for students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

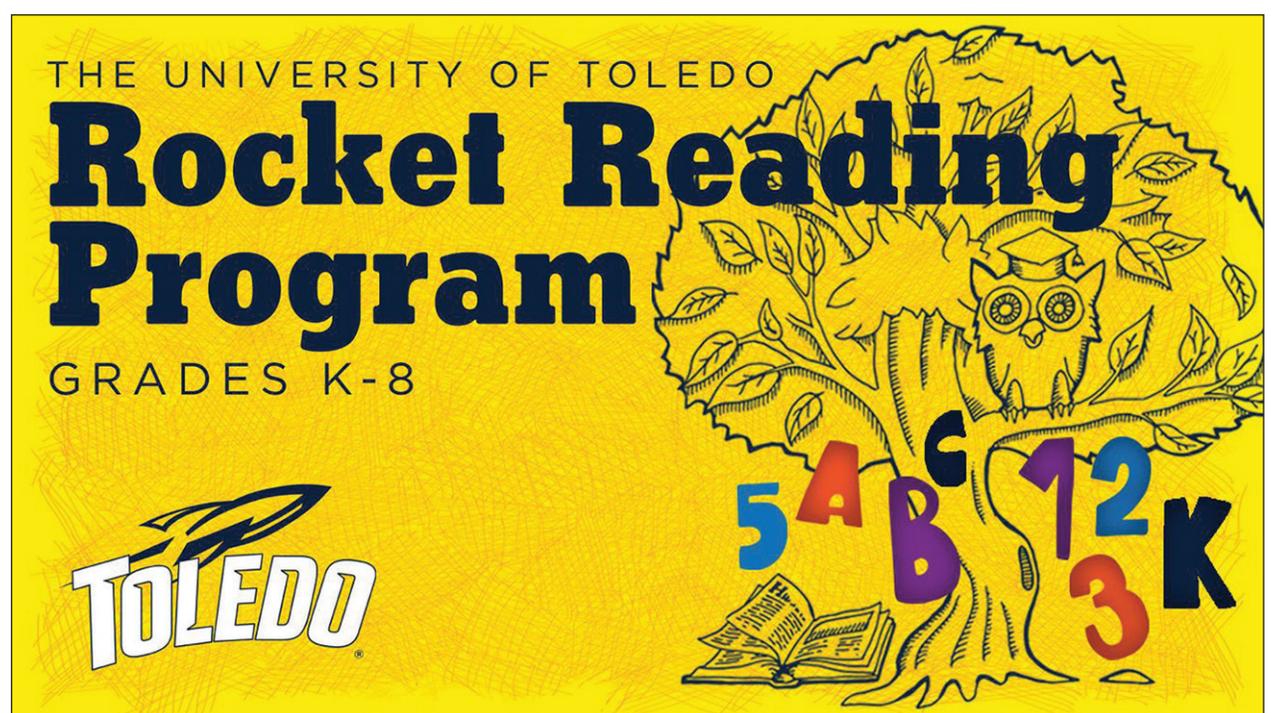
The Rocket Football Reading Program is designed to encourage kids to read over the summer while working toward a special incentive. The reward for completing the program is one free ticket to the Toledo football home opener against Murray State Saturday, Sept. 14, as well as a special on-field recognition at the game.

There are three separate specialized categories: kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth grade, and sixth through eighth grade.

The deadline to complete and turn in the program is Friday, Sept. 6, at 5 p.m. at the Rocket Ticket Office in Savage Arena.

More information on the Rocket Reading Program, including specifics for each age group, can be found at utrockets.com/rocketreadingprogram.

For questions or further information, contact Adam Simpson at adam.simpson@utoledo.edu or 419.530.2482.





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