$1 million gift from couple to expand UT research into pancreatic cancer

By Tyrel Linkhorn

Toledo businessman Hal Fetterman and his wife, Susan Fetterman, have pledged $1 million to The University of Toledo to fund new research into treatments for pancreatic cancer, the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States.

The donation is in honor of Hal Fetterman’s sister, Joyce Schwyn, and three close friends who lost their lives to pancreatic cancer.

“They were the ones who inspired me to go in this particular direction,” Fetterman said. “There are people passing away from pancreatic cancer all the time. The ultimate goal of this gift would be a cure for the disease.”

The Fetterman’s donation will establish the UT Medical Center Pancreatic Cancer Research Innovation Fund. Half of the gift will be dedicated to recruiting a top-tier faculty researcher to the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences. The remaining $500,000 will be split between covering the costs of an upcoming clinical drug trial at UT Medical Center and supporting a grant competition among faculty cancer researchers.

“The University of Toledo is grateful for the incredible generosity of Hal and Susan Fetterman,” UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. “The Fetternans have been loyal supporters of UT for years, and this new investment in the University will support important advances in medical care.”

Pancreatic cancer is relatively rare, accounting for just 3 percent of all new cancer cases in the United States, but it is to blame for 7 percent of all cancer deaths. According to the National Cancer Institute, pancreatic cancer is a relatively rare cancer, accounting for just 3 percent of all new cancer cases in the United States, but it is to blame for 7 percent of all cancer deaths. According to the National Cancer Institute, pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States.

Thank you: Hal Fetterman, center, was thanked last week by Dr. Christopher Cooper, executive vice president of clinical affairs and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, and President Sharon L. Gaber after signing a pledge to give the University $1 million to research pancreatic cancer treatments.

UT, Toledo Museum of Art partner to advance visual literacy

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo and Toledo Museum of Art announced Friday a strengthened partnership that will advance visual literacy education.

The new initiative will provide opportunities for UT students across all majors to master the ability to “speak visual” through targeted curriculum modules incorporated into their existing course offerings.

The Association of College & Research Libraries defines visual literacy as a set of abilities that enables an individual to effectively find, interpret, evaluate, use and create images and visual media. Visual literacy is a skill that is critical to effective communication, creativity and design thinking.

UT President Sharon L. Gaber and TMA Director Brian Kennedy signed a memorandum of understanding for the collaboration at a ceremony Oct. 12 in the Museum’s Great Gallery.

“This collaboration will provide our students engaging lessons within their disciplines that will give them a step up when it comes to better explaining their complex scientific data graphically or connecting in a new way with the community to solve important social issues,” Gaber said. “Visual literacy is an important skill for our students who are the future leaders of our community and our world. We are excited to strengthen our partnership with the museum to advance this discipline.”

“Learning to read, understand and write visual language is an ability that helps all aspects of life,” Kennedy said. “The visually literate person uses sensory skills for critical thinking, by better interpreting the world around us, thereby advancing opportunity for a more productive and engaged life.”

This collaboration leverages the strengths of TMA’s Center of Visual...
UT professor honored for technology commercialization efforts

Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor John Carey presented the 2018 Ohio Faculty Council Technology Commercialization Award to The University of Toledo’s Dr. Vijay Goel in Columbus Oct. 12.

Goel was recognized for his accomplishments toward the development and commercialization of the Libra Pedicle Screw System, which is being used in a growing number of hospitals and spinal surgery centers.

He has been a professor of bioengineering at the University since 2001 and has demonstrated outstanding success in translating his research into patented technologies that serve as a foundation for commercial ventures. He directs the Center for Orthopaedic Research Excellence that brings together UT faculty from a number of disciplines, such as engineering, medicine, kinesiology and physical therapy. He is an inventor on 42 invention disclosures at the University, has 25 issued patents, and the Libra pre-sterilized pedicle screw system is being widely used in trauma, deformity and degenerative applications in the spine.

In nominating Goel for the award, UT Provost Andrew Hsu wrote, “He contributes to the UT mission in many ways, but he is exceptional in his ability to translate his funded research into licensing and commercialization opportunities.”

“I am honored to receive this Technology Commercialization Award on behalf of UT and my bioengineering colleagues and collaborators, Dr. Anand Agarwal, Dr. Sarit Bhaduri and several others,” Goel said. “As faculty researchers, we look for opportunities to solve problems. I am proud we were able to do that with LIBRA to combat contamination in the operating room and a few other FDA-approved products, the bases for the two startups, Spinal Balance Inc. and OsteoNovus Inc.”

Dr. Jay Lee from the University of Cincinnati also was recognized as the runner-up for this year’s award. He was honored for his development of Watchdog Agent — a collection of machine learning and artificial intelligence software tools and services that can be customized for predictive health monitoring and diagnosis of equipment and systems in many diverse applications.

The Ohio Faculty Council launched its annual Technology Commercialization Award in 2016 to recognize a faculty member in the state university system for exceptional research discoveries and the role they have played in supporting the translation of those discoveries into marketable products and/or services.

“The public university system of Ohio is a critical incubator for innovation, and the Ohio Faculty Council embraces the opportunity to recognize the role that our world-class faculty play in economic development,” said Dan Krane, chair of the Ohio Faculty Council. “Dr. Goel’s and Dr. Lee’s work are outstanding examples of the ingenuity and entrepreneurship taking place on campuses across the state that are greatly facilitated by our institution’s investment in higher education and commitment to academic freedom.”

The Ohio Faculty Council represents the faculty at all of the four-year public universities in the state. It addresses concerns common to faculty members across Ohio and presents a faculty perspective on major issues affecting higher education. It is committed to supporting and bringing attention to the critical role that Ohio’s institutions of higher education play in revitalizing the economy of the state and the nation by attracting and training an educated workforce. Learn more at ohiofaculty council.org.

Supply side

Get ready and get involved: UT’s annual Day of Giving is this week.

The fundraising campaign, Rocket Forward: You Launch Lives, will begin at midnight Tuesday, Oct. 16, and will last until noon Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Alumni, faculty and staff members, students, and friends of the University who support its mission are encouraged to give during this second annual Day of Giving. Go to rocketforward.utoledo.edu.

And check out some of the events taking place Tuesday, Oct. 16:

- Meet and Greet with the President from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Collier Building. Dr. Sharon L. Gaber will meet students, pose for selfies, and pass out doughnuts and apples.
- Fall Fest from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Law Center. Donate to decorate mini-pumpkins and mugs; play cornhole, ring toss and horses; and eat kettle corn, caramel apples and cider.
- Day of Giving Carnival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Centennial Mall. Stop by for games, food trucks and the dog-petting station. Participants can donate dollars for coins to play games, at which they can earn tickets for prizes; donations may be made with cash, credit cards and Rocket dollars. It’s $1 to pet a pup!
- Taco Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in Rocket Hall. Donations will be accepted for lunch at this event sponsored by University College.
- Zumba Class at 8 p.m. between Ottawa East and Ottawa West. Donate to attend the class.

From 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, stop by Rocket Hall Room 1300 and pick up a bagel or doughnut for a donation.

For a complete list of events, go to utfoundation.org/rocketforward/events.html.

Every donor and every dollar will make a difference in this 36-hour campaign to raise money for student scholarships, athletic and educational programs, and resources for UT’s academic colleges, among many other areas.

Gifts to rocketforward.utoledo.edu during the Day of Giving can be designated to specific funds that support causes donors are passionate about, and there are more than 2,000 funds to support.
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Expertise and the Museum’s experience teaching visual literacy to young K-12 students, as well as professionals in the industrial and manufacturing fields, in combination with the strengths of UT’s Center for the Visual Arts in art education, Jesup Scott Honors College in interdisciplinary learning, and UT Libraries in supporting information literacy.

The initiative began with a pilot honors seminar course co-taught by UT and museum educators and an elective for medical students called Art and Medicine: Using Visual Literacy to Improve Diagnostic Skills.

The curriculum module options will be expanded to be available to all courses on campus. The goal is to have the visual literacy modules adopted into at least 20 additional courses in spring semester.

The effort is led by Dr. Heidi Appel, dean of the UT Jesup Scott Honors College, and Mike Deetsch, director of education and engagement at TMA, and involves a team of approximately 20 faculty and staff from both institutions who are contributing their time to this partnership.

The visual literacy initiative was made possible, in part, with financial support from Judith Herb, a generous longtime supporter of both institutions.

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only lung cancer and colon cancer kill more Americans than pancreatic cancer.

Dr. F. Charles Brunicardi, the John Howard Endowed Professor of Pancreatic Surgery and director of the cancer program in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, said there is already promising research being done at UT, and the Fettermans’ gift will take it to the next step.

“I’m deeply honored by the Fettermans’ generosity and their devotion toward finding better treatments for pancreatic cancer,” Brunicardi said. “We feel that we’re on the verge of a big breakthrough. We can cure mice of pancreatic cancer. What we need to do now is translate that into clinical trials, and this grant will allow us to do that.”

Fetterman felt it was important that someone make a sizeable donation to draw more attention to the cause and hopefully additional resources to advance treatment options.

“Somebody’s got to break the ice. I think that more people need to get involved with things like this,” Fetterman said. “It’s not necessarily wanting to leave a legacy, but I can’t take it with me. God’s been good to me. I didn’t go to college, and I didn’t have wealthy parents. I’m basically a farm boy from out in Fulton County. I want to do what I can to help people have a better life.”

The Fettermans are longtime supporters of UT. In 2007, the couple donated $1 million to the UT Athletic Department to build an indoor multi-sport practice facility that would ultimately become the Fetterman Training Center. They also established the Scott Raymond Fetterman Memorial Scholarship Fund in 1996 for UT engineering students.
Sixty-four University of Toledo faculty members were honored in a special 2018-19 tenure and promotion celebration Sept. 28 in Carlson Library. Last year, 53 faculty members earned tenure and promotion.

Each honoree was asked to select a book that was instrumental to his or her success, and these books — each containing a bookplate commemorating the honoree’s milestone — are now housed in the library.

“We began this tradition when I joined UT because we believe recognizing faculty helps to foster excellence in research and academics, and helps fuel innovation in all fields of study,” said President Sharon L. Gaber.

“Faculty success, together with student success, are two of the highest priorities of the University and of the Office of the Provost,” said Provost Andrew Hsu. “We have implemented a number of new programs to enhance faculty success since President Gaber joined The University of Toledo. And while the large number of faculty honorees this year demonstrates the progress that we have made in faculty success, the credit goes to the hard work and dedication of our faculty.”

UT faculty receiving tenure are Dr. Hossein Elgafy and Dr. Xin Wang, College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

Appointed as professor with tenure are Dr. Anne Balazs, College of Business and Innovation, and Dr. Raymond Witte, Judith Herb College of Education. And appointed as associate professor with tenure is Dr. Denise Bartell, Jesup Scott Honors College.

Faculty members who were promoted to professor are Dr. Tomer Avidor-Reiss, Dr. Maria Diakonova, Dr. Timothy Mueser and Dr. Michael Weintraub, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Dr. Frederick Williams, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Dr. Florian Feucht and Dr. Tod Shockey, Judith Herb College of Education; Dr. Bashar Gammoh and Dr. Margaret Hopkins, College of Business and Innovation; Dr. Tavis Glassman and Dr. Sheryl Milz, College of Health and Human Services; Dr. Edmund Lingan, Dr. Mysoon Rizk, Dr. Sujata Shetty and Dr. Jami Taylor, College of Arts and Letters; Elizabeth McCuskey and Evan Zoldan, College of Law; Dr. Azedine Medhkour, Dr. Theodor Rais, Dr. Tallat Zoldnik and Dr. Daniel Miller, College of Medicine and Life Sciences; and Dr. Devinder Kaur, Dr. Scott Molitor, Dr. Youngwoo Seo, Dr. Gursel Serpen, Dr. Chunhua Sheng, Dr. Sridhar Viamajala and Dr. Hongyan Zhang, College of Engineering.

Promoted to professor with tenure are Dr. Guillermo Vazquez and Dr. Hongyan Li, College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

Faculty members who received tenure and promotion to associate professor include Dr. Wissam AbouAlaiwi, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Dr. Halim Ayan and Dr. Eda Yildirim-Ayan, College of Engineering; Dr. Liat Ben-Moshe, Daniel Hernandez, Dr. Jason Levine, Dr. Thor Mednick and Dr. Daniel Tobias, College of Arts and Letters; Dr. Joseph Cooper and Dr. Kainan Wang, College of Business and Innovation; Dr. Rafael Garcia-Mata, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Dr. Mouhammad Jumaa, Dr. Krishna Reddy and Dr. Diana Shvydka, College of Medicine and Life Sciences; and Dr. Aravindhan Natarajan, College of Health and Human Services.

Faculty promoted to associate professor are Dr. Daniel Gehling, Dr. Claudia Georgescu, Dr. Bryan Hinch, Dr. Kimberly Jenkins, Dr. Jeremy Laukka, Dr. Terrence Lewis, Dr. Jiayong Liu, Dr. Samuel Nandi and Dr. Syed Zaidi, College of Medicine and Life Sciences; and Dr. Randall Vesely, Judith Herb College of Education.

Faculty who received renewal of their titles with tenure are Michelle Cavaliere and Bryan Lammon, College of Law.

And Dr. George Darah was promoted to clinical associate professor in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

“We wish each of these individuals continued success at the University, and ask our campus community to join us in congratulating them,” Hsu said.
Filmmakers to show documentary on racism, lead discussion at workshop

By Chase M. Foland

“Man on Fire,” a documentary about racism, will be screened Thursday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium.

Filmmakers Joel Fendelman and Dr. James Chase Sanchez will lead a discussion about their work at “The Salt of the Earth: Workshop on Whiteness, White Supremacy and Documentary Filmmaking” Friday, Oct. 19, at 11:30 a.m. in Carlson Library Room 1005.

“Man on Fire” focuses on Grand Saline, Texas, which has a history of racism, a history the community refuses to talk about. This shroud of secrecy ended when Charles Moore, an elderly white preacher, self-immolated to protest the town’s racism in 2014, shining a spotlight on the town’s dark past.

In the 2017 film, Fendelman and Sanchez examined the protest and question the racism in Grand Saline as it stands today.

“It’s important for people to realize that things like racism and race relations do not exist in a vacuum,” Jennifer Pizio, associate director in the UT Office for Diversity and Inclusion, said. “By taking time to learn about the historical context within which a situation arises, we are better able to grasp the why and how so we can do things differently and, hopefully, better.”

During the Oct. 19 workshop, Fendelman and Sanchez will discuss how whiteness influences everyday conversations about race in Grand Saline. The workshop also will relate this to broader research on the rhetoric of white supremacy.

“The filmmakers will discuss some of the ethical questions they had while making the documentary and how their identities played into it,” Pizio said.

“We are honored to host the documentary screening and the workshop in order to foster these important discussions about racism,” she said.

The free, public events are co-sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion; the College of Arts and Letters; the Roger Ray Institute for the Humanities; the Department of English, Language and Literature; the Department of History; and the Department of Theatre and Film.

For more information on the free, public talks, contact the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at 419.530.2260.

UT to host statewide women’s conference; RSVP by Oct. 26

The American Council on Education Women’s Network Ohio will hold its 20th annual conference at The University of Toledo Friday, Nov. 2, in the Thompson Student Union.

UT President Sharon L. Gaber will moderate a presidential panel at 8:45 a.m. with Lorain County Community College President Marcia Ballinger, Capital University President Elizabeth Paul, Union Institute and University President Karen Schuster Webb, and Kent State University President Beverly Warren.

“It is an honor for The University of Toledo to host this conference, and I look forward to talking about women in higher education leadership roles with presidents from institutions in Ohio,” Gaber said.

“We are excited to have the American Council on Education Women’s Network Ohio annual conference here for the first time to The University of Toledo and to northwest Ohio,” said Dr. Shanda Gore, executive director of the UT Minority Business Development Center, who is co-chair of the American Council on Education Women’s Network Ohio and chair of the annual conference. “This year marks the 20th anniversary of the conference, and we appreciate the support of President Gaber.”

Sessions during the daylong event will cover several topics, including developing a career and personal plan to reach the executive level; building feminist futures on and beyond campus; creating transformative space for Latinas in higher education; and cultivating networks of leaders in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

“This year’s theme is ‘Lifting as We Climb,’” and it is a testament to what we need to do as women to help one another be successful professionally,” said Gore, who is the principal investigator for the Ohio Minority Business Assistance Center Toledo and the Global Minority Business Virtual Development Center.

Prior to the conference, a Northwest Ohio Presidential Panel titled “Engaged Women Leaders: How Colleges and Universities Are Impacting Communities in Northwest Ohio” will be held Thursday, Nov. 1, at 4 p.m. in the Driscoll Alumni Center Auditorium.

The panel will feature Gaber, Defiance College President Richanne C. Mankey, University of Findlay President Katherine Fell, Tiffin University President Lillian Schumacher, Lourdes University President Mary Ann Gawelek and Bluffton University President Jane Wood. The presidents will discuss how higher education institutions play a vital role in their communities.

RSVPs are requested by Friday, Oct. 26; go to utoledo.edu/offices/president/email/ace.html.

Tickets — $125 and $50 for graduate students — are available at aceohiowomen.org/conference_signup.php. About 30 tickets remain.

For more information and a detailed schedule, go to aceohiowomen.org/plugins/content/content.php/content.116.
A pioneering professor of disability studies at The University of Toledo is an editor and contributor to “The Oxford Handbook of Disability History.”

Dr. Kim Nielsen, who helped launch the first undergraduate degree of its kind in disability studies in the country at UT, is one of three editors of the book published by Oxford University Press and one of 30 experts to write a chapter.

“The Handbook offers legitimacy to disability history, an indication of the field’s growing import,” Nielsen said. “The book is the first volume to represent the global scale of this history, from ancient Greece to British West Africa and post-World War II Hungary and contemporary Japan.”

The cover of the book was designed by a group of artists who work together at Shared Lives Studio in downtown Toledo.

“We wanted meaningful, quality art done by a person or persons with disabilities, and we found it,” Nielsen said. “Their work is beautiful.”

Nielsen’s co-editor Dr. Michael Rembis, associate professor in the Department of History and director of the Center for Disability Studies at The University of Toledo, will host a public lecture at UT titled “A Fact Was No Less a Fact Because It Was Told by a Crazy Person” Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. in Carlson Library Room 1005.

“Dr. Rembis is a skilled historian and storyteller whose work can help us better understand today’s mental health practices and helps us remember that people considered mentally ill also live lives with family, labor, community institutions and day-to-day interactions,” Nielsen said. “This scholarship should be of interest to all interested in public health policies, disability, history, psychology and social change.”

In the introduction to the new book, the editors wrote, “By its very nature, an Oxford Handbook offers legitimacy to disability history, an indication of the field’s growing import.”

Nielsen’s book chapter is titled “The Perils and Promises of Disability Biography.”

“Telling the life story of someone whose life included disability, unpacking the relationship between that individual life and its larger historical context, and analyzing the questions and insights raised by that life have much to offer scholars and readers,” Nielsen wrote.

“A disability analysis does not simply mean discerning whether or not historical subjects have a disability, just as a gender or racial analysis does not simply mean discerning the race or sex of historical subjects. A disability approach analyzes the role of ableism — built structures and social systems that favor the nondisabled — in shaping relationships, systems of power, ideals, disparities, and the multiple ways of being in the world.”

Nielsen fights back against the common narrative of disability in the Western world that an individual overcomes or “triumphs over the calamity of disability.”

She uses President Franklin Roosevelt as an example showing that his life reveals the embedded nature of disability.

“From the time he was first affected by polio as a young adult to his death while in his fourth term as the U.S. president, the wealthy son of a prestigious New York family was aided by an extensive network of individuals willing to help him pass as nondisabled,” Nielsen wrote. “The FDR that most of us know and admire today was made possible by an intimate network of support; an American public that variably denied, ignored or was ignorant of his disability; and historians who followed that path.”

Nielsen also discusses the use of primary sources, the opportunities to analyze previously unconsidered sources, and reconsidering the imbalanced power dynamics used to create and archive historical sources.

“For example, many, if not all, of the photographs of Millie and Christine McKoy, conjoined twins born into slavery in 1851, made under the guise of science, were sexually exploitive, coerced and sensationalistic,” Nielsen wrote. “Many people with disabilities live and have lived in times and spaces where they have no recognized right or access to privacy.”

As a historian who is not disabled, Nielsen opens up about the importance of visiting places central to individuals who were overlooked or hidden away from society, such as her visit to the grave of the subject of her current biographical project, Dr. Anna Ott, a white female physician who died in 1893 after being determined legally incompetent and institutionalized for 20 years in a state insane asylum as a patient of one of her former male colleagues.

Of the 771 people buried at the “nearly unmarked cemetery” over a nearly 100-year period, Nielsen said, “Only eight of the dead had the privilege of grave markers. The rest lay unnamed and largely unclaimed. The disregard with which they had been treated in death revealed much about their lives.”

Nielsen also said that disability biography can be about nondisabled subjects, such as Frances Perkins, who “served as secretary of labor in the Franklin Roosevelt administration, while simultaneously mothering a daughter, providing exclusive financial support for her household, and caring for/managing her frequently institutionalized husband.”

“Perkins was not disabled, but disability permeated her life,” Nielsen wrote.

Scholar to address mass incarceration epidemic

Dr. John F. Pfaff, professor of law at Fordham University, will visit The University of Toledo this week to give two talks on prison reform.


“Dr. Pfaff’s research shows that only by reducing the power and discretion of public prosecutors and reducing the length of prison sentences for violent offenses will we see any significant reduction in prison populations,” said Dr. Renee Heberle, UT professor of political science and co-director of the UT Law and Social Thought Program.

Pfaff spent 15 years researching imprisonment data to try to understand the 40-year boom in U.S. incarceration rates.

“The statistics are as simple as they are shocking: The United States is home to 5 percent of the world’s population but 25 percent of its prisoners,” he wrote in the introduction to “Locked In.”

“Mass incarceration is one of the biggest social problems the United States faces today; our sprawling prison system imposes staggering economic, social, political and racial costs,” he wrote.

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, Pfaff will give a talk titled “Moving Past the Standard Story: Rethinking the Causes of Mass Incarceration” at 7 p.m. in the Driscoll Alumni Center Auditorium.

And on Wednesday, Oct. 17, Pfaff will discuss “Sentencing Violent Offenders: Rethinking How We Confront Mass Incarceration” at 11:50 a.m. in Law Center Room 1002.

“Professor Pfaff will discuss his research and recent book, which illuminates the previously underappreciated roles prosecutorial discretion and sentencing policy have played in driving up prison populations,” Heberle said.

“While it is common to focus on recidivism rates, crime rates and nonviolent drug offenders as causes for mass incarceration, Dr. Pfaff’s careful empirical approach makes very clear that only limiting prosecutorial power and significantly reducing the length of sentences will ultimately render mass incarceration obsolete,” she said.

The free, public events are sponsored by the UT College of Law and the UT Law and Social Thought Program.

For more information, contact Heberle at renee.heberle@utoledo.edu.
VARSITY ‘T’ HALL OF FAME TO INDUCT 2018 CLASS

By Will Edmonds

The University of Toledo Varsity ‘T’ Hall of Fame will induct nine former student-athletes Friday, Oct. 19, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Perrysburg.

Social hour for the event will begin at 6 p.m., and dinner will follow at 7 p.m. The class also will be introduced at halftime of the UT football game vs. Buffalo Saturday, Oct. 20.

Tickets for the Varsity ‘T’ Hall of Fame induction dinner are $45 or $360 for a table of eight and can be purchased by calling the Athletic Development Office at 419.530.5087.

The 2018 Varsity ‘T’ Hall of Fame inductees are:

Lurley Archambeau, football, 1963 to 1965. He was a three-year starter, playing in the first three years of legendary Rocket Coach Frank Lauterbur’s tenure. In his sophomore and junior seasons, Archambeau started on both the offensive and defensive lines, one of the last two-way players in UT history. He also played on all special teams, meaning he did not come off the field during games. As a senior, Archambeau was the starting center on a team that went 5-5. After graduation, Archambeau was drafted in the 17th round by the Atlanta Falcons, but an injury ended his football career. After graduation, he attended medical school and became the first president of the first class of the former Medical College of Ohio. He has been in private psychiatry practice in Toledo for the past 43 years and has served his alma mater as a counselor for Rocket student-athletes for four decades.

Andy Boyd, football, 1998 to 2001. He was a walk-on who became a four-year starter at safety. During his collegiate career, Boyd always seemed to make the big play in the biggest games. Boyd totaled 314 tackles and 10 interceptions. He made the Mid-American Conference Academic Honor Roll in 1999, 2000 and 2001. During his junior year in 2000, he also was named All-MAC by the Sporting News. Boyd also was named UT’s Most Outstanding Defensive back in 1999, 2000 and 2001. During Boyd’s time at UT, the Rockets had one of the strongest defensive teams ever at UT, racking up three shutouts and holding opponents to 14 points or fewer in seven games. Boyd made the game-saving tackle on the final play in a 31-26 defeat of Tony Romo and Eastern Illinois that season. In 2001, Boyd was named a team captain. He had 82 tackles and one interception. He broke up the potential game-winning pass in the end zone on fourth down to clinch Toledo’s 23-16 victory over Cincinnati in the 2001 Motor City Bowl. After graduation, Boyd served the Rockets as a volunteer coach (2002), a graduate assistant coach (2003 to 2004), and assistant coach (2005 to 2009) and director of high school relations (2010). While on the coaching staff, Boyd recruited First-Team All-MAC players Barry Church, Archie Donald, Jermaine Robinson and Eric Page. Church and Page would go on to become All-Americans. Boyd went into private business in 2010 and returned to the program as color commentator on Rocket football broadcasts from 2011 to 2015.

Sean Dobson, baseball, 2001 to 2004. He made First-Team All-MAC, First-Team All-Region and was named an All-American by College Baseball Insider.com in 2004. He hit .394 that season and set UT records for total bases (152), RBI (63) and doubles (23), while also scoring 60 runs. He led the team in hitting in 2002 with a .387 average, knocking in 34 runs and scoring 33. In 2003, he hit .367 and led the team with 60 runs scored. Dobson finished his career as UT’s leader in runs, hits and doubles. He ranks second in batting average (.371), third in runs (159) and hits (249), fourth in total bases (356), tied for fourth in doubles (46), and seventh in RBIs (131). An outfielder, Dobson was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 40th round of the 2004 Major League Baseball draft.

Ari Fisher, women’s track and field/cross country, 2008 to 2012. Fisher made All-MAC six times in her career as a distance runner, three times in cross country and three times in track and field. She is one of only five runners in MAC history to win back-to-back cross country titles, achieving that feat in 2009 and 2010. She qualified for the NCAA Cross Country Championship Meet three times in her career, earning All-America honors in 2010. Fisher won the individual title as a sophomore in 2009, pacing UT to a second-place finish. She then took ninth place at the NCAA Regionals and qualified for her first NCAA Championship Meet. A year later, she won the MAC title again, leading the Rockets to a MAC title. She was third at the NCAA Regionals and 26th at the NCAA Championship Meet. In
2011, Fisher came in third place at the MAC Championships as UT again won the team title. She was 17th at the NCAA Regionals and 76th at the NCAA Championship Meet, helping UT to its highest national finish ever (21st place). Injuries hampered her track career, but she was named the league’s Outstanding Distance Runner at the 2010 Indoor Championship when she won the 5K by more than 26 seconds. In 2011, she set the MAC record in the 5K at the Iowa State meet. Her time of 16:04.56 was one of the top 10 fastest times in the world that year. She was one of the favorites to win the 5K at the NCAA Indoor Championships that year, but an injury forced her to withdraw from the race. In 2012, she won the 10K at the MAC Outdoor Championships.

Laura Lindsay, women’s swimming and diving, 2008 to 2011. She was a two-time All-American and three-time All-MAC swimmer who helped lead Toledo to MAC Championships in 2010 and 2012. She earned All-America honors in the breaststroke in 2011 and 2012, the only Rocket woman swimmer to make All-America twice in her career. In 2012, Lindsay swam the fifth fastest time at the NCAA Championships in the 100-yard breaststroke, swimming in the B final and winning the event. She also swam the 200-yard breaststroke at the NCAA Championships twice, making her a four-time NCAA qualifier. Lindsay set three MAC records in the breaststroke and still holds two all-time UT individual records, as well as the MAC record in the 200 breast (2:09.72). Over her career, Lindsay won six MAC titles, one each in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, and four in medley relays. As a sophomore, Lindsay was part of the MAC Championship 200- and 400-medley relay teams, earning second-team all-conference. A year later, Lindsay finished in second place in both the 100- and 200-breaststroke, taking home First-Team All-MAC honors. As a senior, she won both of those races at the MAC Championships, as well as participating in the 200- and 400-medley relay teams that won league titles. Lindsay, who was named Toledo’s team MVP in 2011 and 2012, was a USA Olympic top 10 qualifier in the 100- and 200-breaststroke in 2012, and top 25 qualifier in 2016.

Jared Miller, men’s tennis, 2005 to 2009. He was a four-time All-MAC tennis player and three-time team captain during his collegiate career. His overall record was 128-108, including a 42-28 mark at No.1 singles and No. 1 doubles as a senior. He earned a spot on the All-MAC Tournament Team in 2008 and 2009. In his senior year, Miller helped lead the Rockets to the MAC Tournament title match, their best finish in 36 years, and was ranked No. 8 in doubles in the Midwest Region. Miller was a three-time Academic All-MAC choice and was twice named MAC Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year. In 2009, he earned the MAC Men’s Tennis Senior Sportsmanship Award and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division I Men’s Midwest Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship Award. Miller nabbed numerous team awards, including Newcomer of the Year (2005-06); Most Improved Player (2005-06 and 2006-07); Team Leadership Award (2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09) and Most Valuable Player (all four years). In 2009, Miller was voted UT’s Most Valuable Male Senior by the UT Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. In 2009, he was honored for having the highest GPA among all UT male student-athletes. Miller graduated with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry with concentration in biochemistry. He went to medical school and works in general pediatrics and primary care sports medicine with St. Vincent Medical Group in Kokomo, Ind.

Eric Page, football, 2009 to 2011. Page’s 306 receptions are the most in Toledo history and the 12th most in NCAA history. He also leads Toledo with 3,446 receiving yards. He holds the single-season mark for catches, snagging 125 passes as a junior in 2011, and ranks first all-time in career kickoff return average (27.3). Page was a three-time All-MAC selection who earned first-team All-America honors as a kickoff returner in 2010, in a year in which he averaged 31.1 yards per return and scored three TDs. In 2009, Page led the nation’s freshmen with 82 receptions and 1,159 receiving yards. He earned second-team All-MAC honors and was named a Freshman All-American by Phil Steele and College Football News. As a sophomore, Page caught 99 passes and was named First-Team All-MAC as both a receiver and kickoff returner. He was selected by Walter Camp and the Sporting News as a First-Team All-American at kickoff returner, the first Rocket to make first-team on a major All-America team since Gene Swick in 1975. He also was named MAC Special Teams Player of the Year and the National Kickoff Returner of the Year by College Football Performance Awards. In his junior season, Page became only the third person in NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision history to make First-Team All-League at three positions: wide receiver, kickoff returner and punt returner. He shattered the UT reception mark by catching 125 passes and was one of four national finalists for the Paul Hornung Award, given annually to the nation’s most versatile player. He set the UT record and tied Randy Moss’ MAC record when he caught five TD passes in one game vs. Northern Illinois in 2011. At the end of his college career, he was tied for the most career receptions by any player in MAC history.

Lena Richards-Crider, softball, 1995 to 1996. She was a two-time First-Team All-MAC selection. As a junior in 1995, she led the Rockets in nine categories: slugging percentage (.439), runs (40), hits, (69), at-bats (212 — which ties for fifth place in MAC history), doubles (13), sacrifices (18), total bases (93), stolen bases (12) and home runs (3). These impressive season stats helped her earn a spot on the First-Team All-MAC and First-Team All-Midwest Region lists. She was the MAC’s Hitter of the Week and was nominated for National Hitter of the Week after batting .660 (12 for 20) with seven RBI, four runs scored, three sacrifices, two doubles, and a grand slam over six games against No. 6 Michigan and Eastern Michigan (1995). She also pitched an 8-0 shutout over Eastern Michigan during that same stretch. In 1996, Richards-Crider made First-Team All-MAC again. She was named MAC Co-Hitter of the Week April 15 after hitting .692 (9 for 13) with two runs, one double, and a pair of stolen bases. Richards-Crider is vice president of development and marketing for A Kid Again, a nonprofit organization in Columbus, Ohio, that works to foster hope, happiness and healing for families raising children with life-threatening illnesses.

Naama Shafir, women’s basketball, 2008 to 2013. She was a four-time All-MAC selection and is one of only two players (Kim Knuth) in program history to earn all-conference accolades on four occasions. Shafir wrapped up her collegiate career ranked first in UT annals in assists (722, third most in MAC history), minutes played (4,218), games played (139) and games started (139). She also ranked second in free-throw attempts (696), third in steals (227) and made free throws (538), fourth in field-goal attempts (1,476), and fifth in points (1,874). Additionally, Shafir was sixth in field goals made (601), seventh in free-throw percentage (.773), and tied for ninth in scoring average (13.5 points per game). As a freshman, Shafir averaged 11.7 points and 4.5 assists, earning honorable mention All-MAC honors. A year later, she earned second-team all-league honors, averaging 14.3 points and 6.7 assists, leading UT to the MAC Championship title game for the first time since 2001. As a junior in the 2010-11 season, Shafir averaged 15.3 points and 5.1 assists, earning First-Team All-MAC honors. The Rockets finished in first place in the MAC that year and went on to win the WNIJ Championship. She was named MVP of the tournament, scoring 40 points against USC in the championship game, a 76-68 Rocket victory before a record crowd in Savage Arena. Shafir played in only four games in 2011-12 due to a knee injury, but came back in 2012-13 to lead UT to a 29-4 record (15-1 MAC). She once again earned First-Team All-MAC honors, averaging 12.8 points and 4.6 assists. She was runner-up for MAC Player of the Year and a regional finalist for the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association’s All-America Team. An excellent student, Shafir earned Academic All-MAC honors three times. She was part of the winnigest class in school history, helping UT post a 107-31 overall ledger and a 54-10 MAC mark, with two MAC regular-season titles (2010-11, 2012-13), and four-consecutive MAC West-Division crowns, as well as advancing to the postseason each year. After graduation, Shafir returned to her native Israel, where she has played professional basketball for Elitzur Ramla, Maccabi Ramat Hen and Maccabi Bnot Ashdod.
Winter intersession registration to start Oct. 17

By Bailey Sparks

The University of Toledo will open class registration for winter intersession Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Winter intersession runs from Monday, Dec. 17, through Friday, Jan. 11. Courses are accelerated and may vary in length based on the mode of delivery and instructor.

“This is a great opportunity for students to get ahead or catch up as they pursue their degrees,” said Dr. R. William Ayres, senior vice provost for academic affairs. “We want to help students stay on track to graduate, and the winter intersession could play an integral role in the education process.”

Over winter break, a number of resources will remain available to students: the libraries, Career Services, student support and financial aid.

“Registration dates for intersession are the same as for spring semester, including for various priority and credit hour-related windows,” Ayres said.

For more information, including 2019 programming and registration requirements, visit utoledo.edu/winter-intersession.

Compliance training reminder

All nine-month faculty and staff are reminded to complete their assigned compliance course work by Wednesday, Oct. 31, if they haven’t done so already.

The course work includes Tools for an Ethical Workplace and HIPAA Update. You may access your assigned course work online by logging in to myUT, clicking on the Employee (or Affiliate) tab at the top of the screen, and scrolling down to the Training and Career Development section. Please read the instructions before starting.

If you have questions about this compliance training or need assistance, contact Keenen Fisher, talent management specialist for Human Resources, at 419.530.1435 or keenen.fisher@utoledo.edu; or Dave Cutri, executive director for internal audit and chief compliance officer, at 419.530.8718 or david.cutri@utoledo.edu.

In memoriam

Ilana J. Iwens Kennell, Bowling Green, Ohio, who taught piano in the Department of Music from 1990 until her retirement in 2010, died Oct. 3 at age 66. In 2003, she was named the Northwest Ohio District Teacher of the Year by the Ohio Music Teachers Association, which two years later, along with the Music Teachers National Association, recognized her as a Nationally Certified College Teacher of the Year. The Milwaukee native recorded contemporary chamber music with the Access and Orion labels, and she performed on National Public Radio.

Tributes are suggested to the Department of Music through the UT Foundation; go to give2ut.utoledo.edu.

Julie A. (James) Murden, Toledo, who worked at MCO, died Oct. 2 at age 70. She was hired in 1988 and retired in 2001, and was a heart transplant administrator and data control technician.

Sharon M. (Schon) Spencer, Toledo, who was a secretary at the University from 1997 until her retirement in 2010, died Oct. 8 at age 72.
Department of Theatre and Film to hold auditions for two productions

By Angela Riddle

The University of Toledo Department of Theatre and Film will hold two sets of auditions this fall.

The first auditions, for the play “The Pillowman,” will be held Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 22-23.

The second set will be for the musical “Into the Woods” and will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 13-14.

All auditions will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Studio Theatre.

Auditions are open to everyone, including members of the community. Cast members do not need to be UT students. Parking is free during the auditions.

For the play auditions, participants should prepare a one-minute monologue that must be memorized. For the musical, they must prepare a theatre song.

Scripts are available for a 24-hour loan period and are in the department office. Sign-up sheets and audition forms are posted on the production call board near the dressing rooms in the Center for Performing Arts. Audition forms can be filled out in advance, but they must be brought to the audition. Additional audition forms will be available the evening of tryouts.

Performances for “The Pillowman” will be held Feb. 1-10. Performances for the “Into the Woods” are April 5-20. Rehearsal schedules will be determined after the shows are cast.

Written by Martin McDonagh, “The Pillowman” will be directed by Quincy Joyner, UT assistant lecturer of theatre. The play is about a fiction writer who is interrogated by police because the content of his stories is horrifyingly similar to a string of recent child murders.

“Into the Woods” will be directed by Dr. Edmund Lingan, UT professor and chair of theatre. Based on the book by James Lapine, the production features music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Four fictional characters are taken out of their fairy tale stories and given the chance to make their deepest wishes come true. The characters find themselves on a quest that somehow becomes intertwined with the other characters’ journeys.

Inducted

Army Col. Jonathan Beasley, right, was inducted into the UT Army ROTC Hall of Fame during a ceremony Oct. 3 at the Alumni Pavilion. He received a plaque from Army Lt. Col. Michael Penney, UT professor and chair of military science and leadership. Beasley became the second member of the UT Army ROTC Hall of Fame, which was established in 2016 to recognize alumni who earned a commission at UT or a partnership school and has demonstrated exceptional leadership in his or her military or civilian career; exhibited inspirational character; and has contributed significantly to the development of cadets and/or supported the UT Army ROTC Program. Beasley graduated from the UT Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps in 1994 with a bachelor’s degree in political science and geography. He returned to UT from 2009 to 2012 as military commander of the U.S. Army ROTC Rocket Battalion and professor and chair of military science. Beasley’s tours of duty include Kosovo in 1999, Iraq in 2006, and Afghanistan in 2004 and 2008. He is the deputy chief of staff for the joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Organization, a combat support organization of the U.S. Department of Defense.

Summer sunset

UT alumnus Hayden Henningsen took this photo while jogging recently on campus. He graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing in 2017 and is a marketing specialist at 2-Scale in Holland, Ohio.
Rocket fans have chance to win Jeep at football game Oct. 20

By Katherine Jamtgaard

The University has teamed up again with Yark Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge-Ram, Bud Light, and iHeart Media for the Toledo Rocket Fan Jeep Giveaway contest. Rocket fans will have the opportunity to win a new Jeep Wrangler at the Saturday, Oct. 20, football game against Buffalo.

“We value being local and working with local partners to provide the people of Toledo with products and services they love,” said John Miller, a representative of Treu House of Munch, which has been part of Toledo since 1875. “This has been one of the biggest and most successful marketing programs we participate in because the people of Toledo support all things Toledo.”

“We are very excited to be sponsoring our third year of the Toledo Rocket Fan Jeep Giveaway,” added Doug Kearns, vice president of Yark Automotive Group. “We love to support our hometown Toledo Rockets as they go after another Mid-American Conference Championship this season.”

“The University of Toledo and the Jeep Wrangler represent some of the best we have to offer in Toledo,” said iHeartRadio Toledo Market President Kellie Holeman. “We’re thrilled to once again give Rocket fans and iHeartRadio listeners the chance to drive away from a game in a brand-new Jeep from Yark Automotive Group. It’s just one more exciting part of Rocket Nation.”

NewsRadio 1370 and 92.9 WSPD has been the flagship home of UT football for 52 years, and now games may be heard on the free iHeartRadio app.

The contest will run through Saturday, Oct. 20, with the winner receiving the keys to a brand new 2018 Toledo-made Jeep Wrangler.

Contest participants must be 21 years of age or older to enter. There are three ways to enter (limited to one entry per person) to win:

• Text JEEP to 81530 to enter for a chance to qualify (standard message and data rates apply).

• Go online and enter at RocketFanYarkJeep.com or WIOT.com.

• Enter to win at the UT vs. Buffalo football game Saturday, Oct. 20. Two finalists will be selected via text or online entry with the third finalist being selected at the game. The winner will be announced at halftime during the UT-Buffalo game. All three finalists will be given a key to the Jeep, with one lucky fan’s key starting the vehicle. For the chance to win, all entrants must be at the Oct. 20 game.

The Toledo Rocket Fan Jeep Giveaway contest is sponsored by Yark Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge-Ram, Bud Light and iHeart Media.

Men’s, women’s basketball season preview Oct. 24

By Brian DeBenedictis

The University of Toledo will host “Tricks, Treats and Dunks,” presented by Paramount Advantage, a special basketball season preview Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 6 p.m. in Savage Arena. Admission is free.

The evening will begin with trick-or-treating for kids from 6 to 7 p.m. at stations located in the arena concourses, pumpkin decorating, and a haunted house inside Fetterman Gym.

Fans can dress in their Halloween costumes and get treats and prizes. Free basketball schedule posters will be provided for fans to get autographs from UT women’s and men’s basketball players.

At 7 p.m., the fun moves to Nichols Court, where a contest for best Halloween costumes will be judged. Prizes will be given out to best costumes for children. There also will be raffle prizes for both fans and UT students throughout the night.

Following the Halloween costume contest, the 2018-19 UT women’s and men’s basketball teams will be introduced. The Rockets will participate in a game of Knockout that will feature players from both teams, a Rocket Kids Club member, a UT student and a fan. The event will conclude with a slam-dunk contest for the men’s team.

Fans can purchase snacks from the concession stands as they watch the action and listen to music from a DJ.

In conjunction with “Tricks, Treats and Dunks,” the Residence Hall Association will host its annual Halloween Walk. Children and families will have the opportunity for more trick-or-treating in the residence halls following the conclusion of the event in Savage Arena.

Free parking will be available in lots 3, 4 and 5, which are adjacent to Savage Arena.