

Football legend, technology expert to speak at University commencement ceremonies

By Vicki L. Kroll

Chuck Ealey and Dr. Helen Sun will return to The University of Toledo to give addresses during spring commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 5, in the Glass Bowl.

Ealey, the football star and businessman, will speak at the undergraduate ceremony at 10 a.m.

Sun, a technology strategist known for transforming companies, will come out for the graduate commencement at 3 p.m.

There are 3,094 candidates for degrees from the colleges of Arts and Letters; Business and Innovation; Judith Herb College of Education; Engineering; Health and Human Services; Graduate Studies; Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Nursing; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; and University College. There are 987

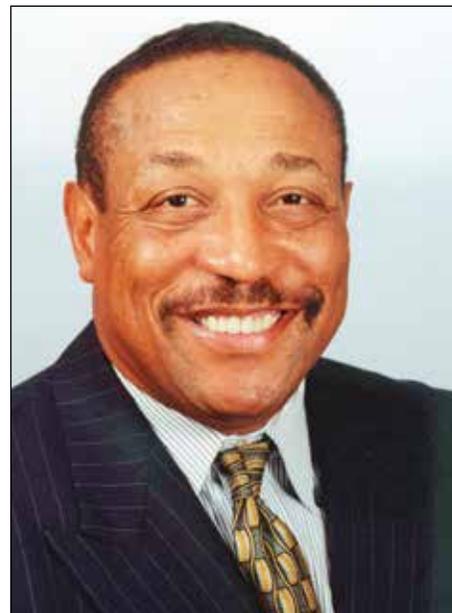
candidates for doctoral, education specialist and master's degrees, as well as graduate certificates, and 2,107 for bachelor's and associate's degrees.

The public ceremonies can be viewed live at utoledo.edu/video.

UT will award Ealey an honorary doctor of humane letters.

"It is amazing, wonderful and humbling to have the opportunity to speak to the 2018 graduates of The University of Toledo," Ealey said. "What I want to share is what I have learned — and am still learning — after I graduated. It's about a legacy dream that can come true."

He made dreams a reality as the UT quarterback who became a legend leading the Rockets to 35 victories in three seasons



Ealey



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World War II veteran to graduate from UT

By Ashley Diel

At the age of 96, Robert Edgar Barger will graduate Saturday, May 5, from The University of Toledo with an associate of technical studies degree from University College.



Barger

Barger entered the military service in 1940 with the United States Navy, where he served as a commissioned naval officer, earned his naval aviator wings, and was detailed as a naval flight officer.

After returning from WWII, Barger attended the University, but left before finishing his degree so he could get a job to provide for his wife and two children.



Photo by Haraz N. Ghanbari

IN HAND: World War II Navy veteran Robert Edgar Barger held a photo of himself taken Oct. 9, 1943, during his service as a naval aviator. He will receive an associate degree this weekend.

In 2013, Barger met Navy Reserve Lt. Haraz N. Ghanbari, UT director of military and veteran affairs, when he promoted Ghanbari to the rank of lieutenant.

Ghanbari later found out that Barger had not been able to finish his degree.

After reviewing Barger's transcripts, it was determined the veteran met the

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UT Medical Center recognized as leader in LGBTQ+ health-care equality

The University of Toledo Medical Center's commitment to the equal treatment of all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning patients has been recognized for the seventh consecutive year by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation with its "Leader in LGBTQ Healthcare Equality" designation.

"We want all of our patients at UTMC to be in an environment that is welcoming and supports the overall healing and

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UT medical student receives Sarnoff Fellowship for cardiovascular research

By Christine Billau

A third-year medical student at The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences was selected as a 2018-19 Sarnoff Fellow.

Rahul Mital, who is studying to work in the field of pediatric cardiology, is one of nine students across the United States awarded the honor.

“This is a very competitive, prestigious award,” said Dr. Christopher Cooper, dean of the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences, and executive vice president for clinical affairs. “We are proud of Rahul and look forward to his achievements in cardiovascular research.”

The Sarnoff Fellowship program offers medical students enrolled in accredited U.S. medical schools the opportunity to spend a year conducting intensive work in a biomedical research facility in the United States other than the medical school in which they are enrolled.

“I’m humbled by the opportunity that lies ahead of me and plan to make the most of it,” Mital said. “Being a member of the Sarnoff Cardiovascular Research Foundation and partaking in world-class research while receiving mentorship and guidance is truly an invaluable step in achieving my goals.”

Rahul plans to study cardiogenesis, which is the development of the heart in the embryo, and how to use gene therapy as a potential treatment for congenital heart disease.

“No child deserves to be born with a congenital heart disease, but the unfortunate truth is that congenital heart disease is the most common type of birth defect, affecting 40,000 births per year in the United States alone,” Mital said. “If a greater understanding of the underlying pathophysiology is achieved, patient care can move away from expensive surgeries



Mital

and lifelong follow-ups, and instead be focused at the molecular level.”

The full-time Sarnoff Fellowship is a one-year award of \$32,000 for the 2018-19 academic year. Fellows also receive

financial support for travel and moving expenses.

The 2018-19 Fellows were introduced at the Sarnoff Foundation’s 38th Annual Scientific Meeting last week in Boston.

UT student selected for Fulbright Award

By Kim Goodin

Soon-to-be-UT graduate Kristen Murray is undoubtedly the best argument for making sure to check junk email folders.

Murray, who will graduate May 5 with a bachelor of arts degree in global studies, received a prestigious gift last week — an email from J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board representatives notifying her that she’d been selected a Fulbright student ambassador to Mexico.

“I’d been waiting to hear because it’s been hard to plan the next year until I knew,” Murray, a Toledo native, said and chuckled. “My friend had just asked about it and said, ‘Whatever happens, happens for a reason,’ and there was the letter in my junk mail.”

Murray will be an English teaching assistant in a yet-unassigned area of Mexico from September 2018 to May 2019. The Bowsher High School graduate also submitted a plan to create a volleyball team in her Mexican community or participate in an existing program.

“They really want you immersed in the local community when you’re not teaching,” Murray said. “I played volleyball and coached seventh grade, freshman and varsity while in college, so it will be a great way to tie together all of my passions.”

The Fulbright Award is named for former U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright, who in 1945 introduced a bill to promote goodwill between the U.S. and other countries. Today, the program awards 3,500 student scholarships each year in research, study and teaching to 140 countries.

Being selected a Fulbright scholar is a competitive and, as Murray discovered, a lengthy process. She applied in summer 2017, was notified that she was a finalist in January (via an email in her junk folder), and endured a tough interview before receiving last week’s notification.

Murray’s global studies advisor, Dr. Jetsa Cáceres, associate professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, said the award will have benefits beyond her time in Mexico.

“It’s a huge deal,” Cáceres said, noting that only 54 Fulbright Awards to Mexico are offered. “It gives students an opportunity to live abroad for a year and experience cultures, languages and opportunities they’ll never get in a classroom.

“Fulbright scholars have gone on to be Nobel prize winners, leaders in business, government and academia, and global trailblazers. If I was on a hiring committee and I had a choice of a candidate who had a



Murray

Fulbright experience and one who did not, I’d choose the Fulbright scholar without even thinking.”

The Fulbright Award is another step toward Murray’s eventual goal of working in the U.S. Department of State with a specialty in Latin-American relations. She’s had internships in Peru, Cuba and Ecuador, and was elected by the Organization of

American States as an international observer of the Ecuadoran election process in 2017.

Calling the experience “amazing,” Murray recalled, “I got to see firsthand one of the cornerstones of democracy, a presidential election in a different country. I got to talk to everyone in the town where I was living about the elections, including different groups such as Afro-Ecuadorans

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and as a trailblazer for African-American QBs in the Canadian Football League.

After finishing 18-0 in high school in Portsmouth, Ohio, Ealey received a football scholarship to the University. While earning a business degree in economics, he earned some nicknames for his exploits on the field: Mr. Cool, The Wizard of Oohs and Aahs. With Ealey at quarterback, Toledo went 35-0 from 1969 to 1971. He racked up 5,903 yards in total offense and 54 touchdowns while leading the Rockets to final Associated Press rankings of No. 20 in 1969, No. 12 in 1970, and No. 14 in 1971, finishing eighth in the Heisman Trophy voting his senior year.

Despite the eye-popping numbers, Ealey was passed over as a quarterback in the 1972 NFL draft. Although offered other positions, he was committed to becoming a professional quarterback and elected to go to the Canadian Football League. As a rookie, he led the Hamilton Tiger-Cats to the Grey Cup Championship in 1972 and was named Most Valuable Player. During his seven years in the CFL, he also played

for the Toronto Argonauts and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

After hanging up his helmet, Ealey was a certified financial planner with Investors Group for 30 years. He recently stepped out of his role as regional director to do more client and corporate coaching. The 1972 UT alumnus also inspires through the Chuck Ealey Foundation, which helps people discover and embrace their undefeated spirit to better themselves and their community.

Sun, chief technology officer of architecture, engineering and data management at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in Chicago, received a PhD in educational technology from UT in 2001. She is an expert in revolutionizing businesses through innovative solutions, including artificial intelligence, cloud, analytics and architecture.

"I'm very excited to be coming back to campus and reflect on how my IT career took shape during the years I attended UT," said Sun, who developed websites while in graduate school.

"I'll wrap my speech around three personal experiences: How I started a career

in technology — find where your passion lies; how my seemingly diverse career path has taken me to where I am — take risks and never let fear of failure deter you away from opportunities; and who my true hero is throughout these years — don't let what others do to you change who you are," she said.

Prior to joining JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sun was vice president for cloud computing, information and architecture at Motorola Solutions Inc. She has held senior leadership positions at some of the world's most recognizable companies, including Harbor Capitol Advisors, NewEdge Group, Oracle Corp. and Salesforce.com Inc.

At Oracle, Sun became the first woman to achieve Oracle Enterprise Architect status and was honored as Oracle Enterprise Architect of the Year in 2011. In 2016, the Chicago Business Journal named her one of 50 honorees for its Women of Influence Awards.

She is the co-author of "Oracle Big Data Handbook," "Pro Salesforce Analytics Cloud: A Guide to Wave Platform, Builder and Explorer" and "Master Competitive

Analytics With Oracle Endeca Information Discovery." Sun is a frequent speaker at major conferences and symposia; she gave the keynote address at the Open Group Big Data Conference in 2012 in Barcelona, Spain.

In addition to her passion serving as a mentor for women, Sun was a member of the UT Business Advisory Board from 2012 to 2016. She is co-chair of the Computer Science Advisory Board at Bowling Green State University.

Those planning to attend commencement are advised to use the west entrance off Secor Road and the south entrance off Dorr Street to avoid congestion on West Bancroft Street.

The College of Law will hold its commencement Sunday, May 6, at 1 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium.

And the College of Medicine and Life Sciences' graduation ceremony will take place Friday, May 25, at 2 p.m. in Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd. in Toledo.

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requirements to graduate with an associate degree.

"We are proud to honor a member of the 'Greatest Generation' at commencement," said Dr. Barbara Kopp Miller, dean of University College. "It will be a memorable moment to see Bob receive the degree he earned and pay tribute to a veteran who served our country."

Barger has invited 100 people from his retirement community to the commencement ceremony and plans on having a large graduation party to celebrate his achievement.

He is believed to be the oldest UT graduate.

Barger said that earning his degree is something he will be proud of for the rest of his life and is excited to accomplish something he had set out to complete many years ago.

"I thought I would never be able to accomplish this degree," Barger said. "My grandson graduated from UT, and he no longer can say he is one up on me; I have a degree, too, just took me a while!"

Barger has four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.



Photo by Thomissia P. Robinson

SERVICE: World War II Navy veteran Robert Edgar Barger, second from left, promoted Navy Reserve Lt Haraz N. Ghanbari, UT director of military and veteran affairs, to the rank of lieutenant during a ceremony on Veterans Memorial Plaza in June 2013.

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Kindergarteners through college seniors to present research projects at UT May 1

By Christine Billau

More than 120 students from Ohio and Michigan ranging from kindergartners to college seniors will present science research projects at The University of Toledo from 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 1.

The annual SATELLITES student research conference is part of GLOBE MISSION EARTH, a \$10 million project funded by NASA and led by a UT researcher that is transforming the way science is taught to students throughout the United States.

Dr. Kevin Czajkowski, UT professor of geography and planning, has been spearheading the development of new K-12 science curriculum that relies on hands-on experiments to build knowledge using the resources of NASA and education partners across the country.

“We’re using real-life research experiences to spark the imagination of the next generation of scientists, engineers and doctors,” Czajkowski said.

The presentations will take place in Thompson Student Union’s Ingman Room and Room 2582.

The keynote speaker, John Moore, director for geoscience and STEM education at Palmyra Cove Nature Center in New Jersey, will provide hands-on demonstrations of the HoloGLOBE, a 3D visualization system with virtual reality headsets that uses NASA data to explore

Earth. Moore will talk with middle and high school students at 11:40 a.m. and elementary school students at 12:40 p.m.

Judges for the conference are local scientists and teachers. Students are coming from as far north as Detroit and as far south as Mansfield.

“Science is more fun when students are participating in data collection and the scientific process, as opposed to conducting preplanned experiments in a classroom or lab,” Czajkowski said. “Through these research projects, students answer their own science questions about their environment by creating hypotheses, collecting data, analyzing data, drawing conclusions, and sharing their results through their poster presentation.”

Czajkowski created the SATELLITES program, which stands for Students and Teachers Exploring Local Landscapes to Interpret the Earth from Space.

Through the SATELLITES program, students have access to GLOBE resources to help answer their research questions. GLOBE is the acronym for Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment, which is an international science and education program that connects students, teachers, scientists and citizens from different parts of the world to conduct real, hands-on science about their local environment and put it in a global perspective.

Show UT pride at summer festivals

By Kim Goodin

During her annual State of the University address April 18, President Sharon L. Gaber encouraged the UT community to celebrate its Rocket pride throughout the city and the state.

Faculty, staff, alumni and retirees have two key opportunities to help spread their Rocket pride and demonstrate UT’s commitment to its diversity initiatives during summer events in June and August.

“The University of Toledo has always had a strong presence at parades and festivals with our LGBTQA+ initiatives and our student organization, Prism,” said Dr. Willie L. McKether, vice president for diversity and inclusion, and vice provost. “This year, we’re inviting departments, offices and individuals to help us increase University-wide support by attending various Ohio prides. We invite everyone in the UT community to join us, regardless of self-identification.”

UT participation is requested for:

- **Columbus Pride Festival.** One of the largest events of its kind in the Midwest, the Columbus Pride Festival welcomes more than 500,000 attendees annually. It is scheduled June 15-17 on Scioto Mile

in Columbus, with a parade Saturday, June 16. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion is sponsoring UT’s participation in the parade, which steps off at 10:30 a.m. A carpool from UT to Columbus is planned; more details are upcoming.

- **Toledo Pride.** Northwest Ohio’s largest LGBTQA+ celebration is scheduled Aug. 18 and 19 in downtown Toledo, with a parade slated at noon Saturday, Aug. 19. Members of the UT community are invited to represent the University at the parade, volunteer at several UT-focused tables, and provide giveaways. “The tables are open for any department or office that would like to be at Toledo Pride to connect with the community,” McKether said. “We’re encouraging people to stay for two-hour intervals any time between noon and 7 p.m. on Saturday.”

For more information about UT’s participation in the Columbus Pride Festival or Toledo Pride, email danielle.stamper@utoledo.edu by June 1.

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recovery process,” Dan Barbee, chief executive officer of UTMC, said. “To achieve this, we believe that patients and their families and loved ones need to be in a nonjudgmental setting that promotes acceptance and allows a person to feel safe and protected to be their true self.”

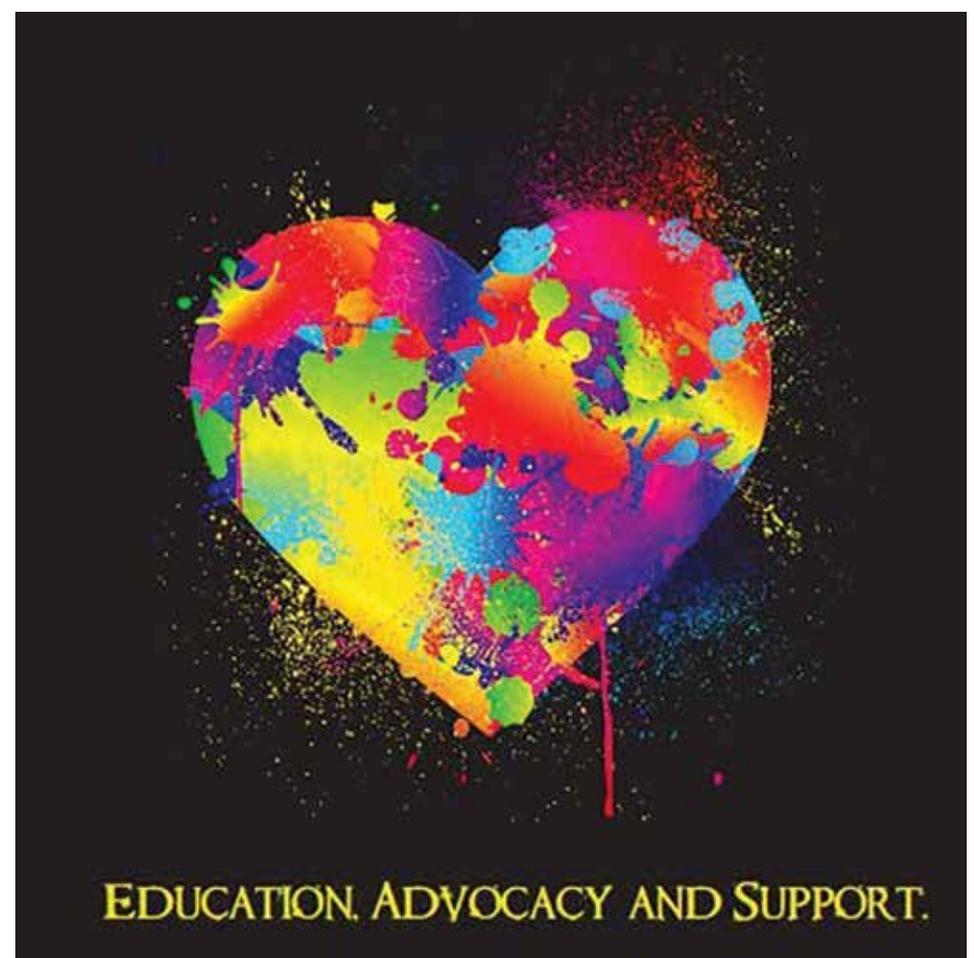
The recognition was recently reported in the 2018 Healthcare Equality Index.

The Health Equality Index is sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign, which is America’s largest civil rights organization working to achieve LGBTQA+ equality. In addition to being a valuable tool and resource for health-care facilities, the Health

Equality Index is used by LGBTQ patients and their loved ones to find facilities that provide equitable and inclusive care.

The annual survey consists of questions that determine whether a hospital meets the core requirements to become a leader. A record 626 health-care facilities participated in the 2018 survey. Of all those included in the Healthcare Equality Index, 418 nationwide earned a “Leader in LGBTQ Healthcare Equality” designation.

UTMC is the only medical facility in northwest Ohio to earn this distinction and one of only 24 in the state.



Advisor honored with Hymore Award

Dr. Lisa Bollman, academic advisor in the Department of Communication, is the 2018 recipient of the Diane Hymore Exemplar of Excellence Award.

Bollman received the honor named for the longtime executive secretary April 26 at the Outstanding Staff Awards in the Thomas and Elizabeth Brady Engineering Innovation Center.

The award is presented annually to an individual whose work defines the core values of the University in Hymore’s spirit of support, encouragement and service.

“Lisa Bollman works with 350 Department of Communication students to ensure all students are scheduled in the appropriate courses, doing well in their classes by following up on any issues, and acting as more than an academic advisor by listening to their woes as well as successes during their college career. And she does all of this with a smile on her face and a good word for all the students who walk through her door or call her on the phone,” one nominator wrote.

“I will often hear a student thank her profusely for her assistance and direction, saying they walked in confused and left with a clear goal in mind for college as well

as beyond. Without Lisa’s unfailing efforts, many of our students would not be successful in college.”

Bollman joined the University staff in 1996. A UT alumna, she received a bachelor of arts degree in communications and Spanish in 1994 and a doctor of philosophy degree in 2009.

“Lisa is directly responsible for working with Department of Communication students to ensure retention and graduation. Lisa meets the students where they are, often traveling to other venues to assist and ensure students are registered in the necessary classes they need,” a nominator noted.

“Lisa will often see students through her lunch hour, or see students when they don’t have an appointment to make sure every student is properly served. Lisa will work on Saturdays



Photo by Daniel Miller

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: President Sharon L. Gaber, right, presented the Diane Hymore Exemplar of Excellence Award to Dr. Lisa Bollman, academic advisor in the Department of Communication, next to a photo of the honor’s namesake.

to attend Rocket Launch or Experience Days, giving up time with her family to ensure

students have all the necessary details to make informed decisions about their college career.”

Dropping by



Kelsi Rooks, a senior who will graduate with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology this week, took this photo on a recent rainy day.

Photo by Kelsi Rooks

Outstanding staff members celebrated

Five employees received the University's 2018 Outstanding Staff Awards.

More than 20 nominees were honored at a ceremony April 26 in the Thomas and Elizabeth Brady Engineering Innovation Center.

Winners this year were:

Tiffany Akeman, clerkship and curriculum coordinator in the Department of Radiation Oncology. She has worked at the University since 2010. She received a master of public health degree and a certificate in gerontological practice from UT in 2014 and 2016, respectively.

"As one of her direct and immediate supervisors, I can state that every time I go to Tiffany asking her to help with some work, she welcomes the request, accepts to do the work with a smile, gets the job done as quickly as possible, and most importantly, conveys a feeling that she is happy to do that job. This indicates to me that she loves what she is doing," a nominator wrote. "Moreover, she is efficient, logical in her approach to any work, focused, and task-driven. She is highly detailed-oriented, student-centered and a professional. She loves to help all who are in her circle." Another noted, "Her help in almost every aspect of my and my colleague's daily work tasks cannot be overestimated. She is always willing and capable to help, no matter how much time and effort is required. Her ability to think through all little details makes her truly invaluable for management of any function."

Dan Kall, law registrar in the College of Law. He joined the UT staff in 1994. He received a bachelor of science degree in computer science and a master of arts degree in liberal studies from the University in 1995 and 2016, respectively.

"Dan goes above and beyond in answering questions, finding solutions, and maintaining a sense of calm during stressful situations, including finals and class scheduling. Dan not only partners with other staff members and faculty, but he provides students with a 'compass' to guide us through our academic pursuits. Dan never fails to answer calls and emails, even on breaks and weekends, to make sure that students feel supported," one nominator wrote. "Dan inspires



Photo by Daniel Miller

OUTSTANDING STAFF: President Sharon L. Gaber, left, posed with the 2018 Outstanding Staff Award recipients, from left, Lucy Salazar, Tiffany Akeman, Regina "Jeannie" Stambaugh, Renee Mullins and Dan Kall.

those around him to strive for their own personal best and models that through his own actions. Dan is professional, kind, empathetic and knowledgeable. For many of us, he has served as a mentor and counselor when we are trying to navigate through a difficult time with courts' schedules and final grades." "Dan Kall demonstrates personal commitment to the College of Law by his dedication on weekends, holidays and evenings to keep students up to date on grade postings. He is always quick to respond to any and all concerns that students have," another noted.

Renee Mullins, custodial worker in the Savage & Associates Business Complex. She has worked at the University since 2015.

"Renee has great ideas to motivate and help her coworkers. If there is an issue in the building, like a needed repair or if you see a better way to achieve quality work, she alerts her manager. Renee has really single-handedly turned this high-profile building into one the students, professors and employees can be proud of," a nominator wrote. "Renee has a notebook with all events and activities in her building so she does not forget a detail. All her closets are neat and tidy. Even her trash container is clean; she stated that she keeps it clean because students and guests see it in the hall

and it reflects on her cleaning. She comes in early, stays late, works through lunch if needed all because she loves The University of Toledo."

Lucy Salazar, custodial worker in the Collier Building on Health Science Campus. She started working at the University in 2010.

"Her responsibilities include the first floor which encompasses our lobby, large lecture halls, restrooms and other first-floor classrooms. I am so pleased to be able to nominate Lucy because she goes above and beyond her duties, and is a shining example of someone who takes great pride in her work, strives to do her best, and understands the importance of her role, realizing that the first impression visitors may have of our campus is when they enter the Collier Building," a nominator wrote. "Lucy acknowledges everyone she sees. She is warm and kind and has a smile that resonates warmth and caring. She understands the importance of her work and takes it to heart. I wish there were more employees like Lucy in every department so our students, patients, staff and faculty could witness someone who genuinely cares about the work she does."

Regina "Jeannie" Stambaugh, secretary in the Department of Economics. She joined the UT staff in 1989. She

received an associate's degree in secretarial technology from the University in 1980.

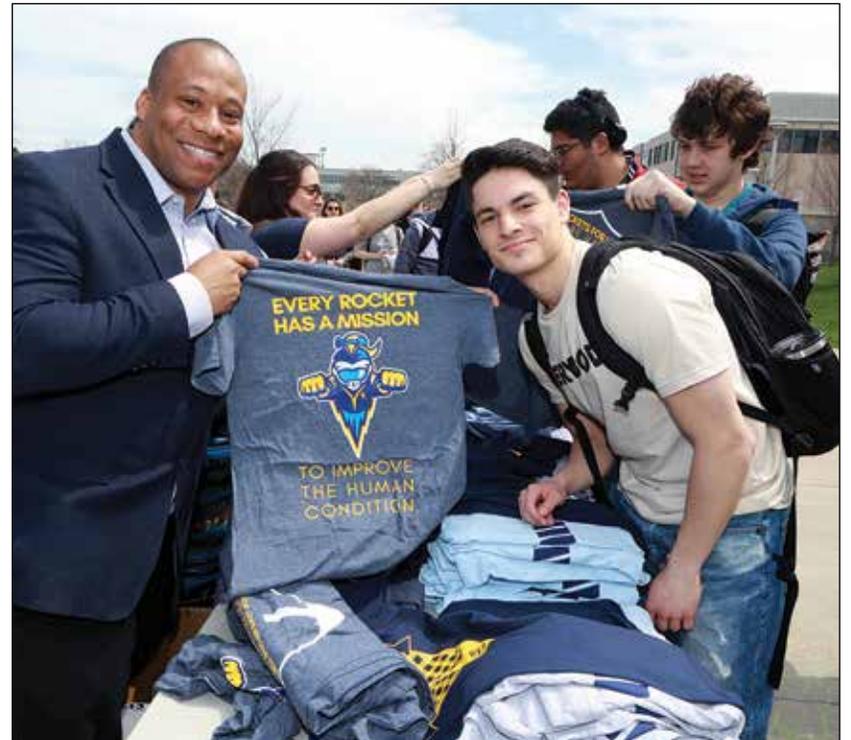
"Jeannie is the heart and soul of the Economics Department, and she has been for decades. Jeannie is the main reason for the collegiality within the department. She radiates positive energy and enthusiasm every day. Her interactions with everyone, always, are unequivocally friendly and helpful. Jeannie has established a rapport with all 12 faculty in the department and with all the students. Jeannie demonstrates extraordinary personal commitment because this is not a job to her; we are her second family," a nominator wrote. "She comes in every day with her long list of tasks to do and then manages to complete the tasks while being interrupted every 15 minutes by a faculty member, student, delivery, phone call, and she somehow gets it all done. Our department would literally come to a standstill without her. Jeannie goes so far beyond her ever-expanding responsibilities in her care and concern for everyone who enters her office."

Student Appreciation Day



Photos by Daniel Miller

President Sharon L. Gaber handed a T-shirt to Callie Snyder during Student Appreciation Day. The Division of Student Affairs offered food, fun and freebies April 23 on Centennial Mall to say thank you.



Dr. Sammy Spann, associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students, gave a T-shirt to Braden Bejarno during Student Appreciation Day.



Lexi Rymers, left, and Meghan Wintrich shared a hammock on Centennial Mall during Student Appreciation Day last week.



Nearly everyone on Centennial Mall carried a small, white bag filled with a tasty treat, thanks to Mom and Pop Kettle Corn of Waterville, Ohio.

Broadway star to perform at Ryan White Program fundraiser for HIV care

By Ashley Diel

Tony Award-winning star Jennifer Holliday, an original Broadway cast member of “DreamGirls,” will be the special guest during an evening of dining and music to support local HIV/AIDS patients.

“SweetDreams” will be presented by The University of Toledo Medical Center’s Ryan White Program. The event will take place Saturday, May 12, at the Radisson Hotel on Health Science Campus.

Funds raised at the event will go to the Ann Wayson Locher Memorial Fund for HIV Care, which supports HIV care for adults and children in the Toledo area.

Wayson Locher opened the first grant-funded free and anonymous HIV testing site in northwest Ohio in 1985 and was one of the key organizers for The University



Holliday

of Toledo’s Ryan White Program. The memorial fund was developed in her honor upon her death in 2010.

“Ann was passionate about providing support to those affected by HIV and AIDS,” said Richard

Meeker, manager of community engagement for the Ryan White Program. “The memorial fund provides services for HIV and AIDS

patients who have needs that cannot be covered by other agencies or programs in our community. Many individuals are living on a fixed income and need a little help when emergencies arise. That’s where we come in.”

The evening will include cocktails, Southern-style buffet dinner, jazz vocals by Toledo’s own Ramona Collins, and a program presentation on mental health challenges.

Holliday will give the keynote address and perform at the event. She is an advocate for mental health, HIV and LGBTQ rights.

Having struggled with depression herself, Holliday now shares her story of overcoming depression and stresses the

importance of seeking medical treatment as the key to a successful recovery.

Holliday is an ardent philanthropist who uses her performances to bring hope to people in search of healing, as well as to raise funds and bring awareness to various causes that impact millions of people every day.

Tickets for the “SweetDreams” fundraiser are \$150 each.

The Ryan White Program also is seeking sponsorships with opportunities that range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and include VIP tickets for the meet-and-greet reception with Holliday and recognition at the event.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit tinyurl.com/sweetdreams2018.

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Bridge behind library to be replaced

The bridge located behind Carlson Library will be closed starting Monday, May 7, so the structure can be replaced.

Constructed in the early 1960s, the bridge has exceeded a normal design life of 50 years, according to Jason Toth, associate vice president for facilities and construction.

"The new bridge will be wider to accommodate more foot traffic. It will be

very similar to the bridge behind the Center for Performing Arts," Toth said. "The new bridge also will incorporate aesthetics that blend with the Gothic architecture on campus."

All other bridges crossing the Ottawa River will be open during the project, which is scheduled to be complete July 31. Detour signs will be posted.

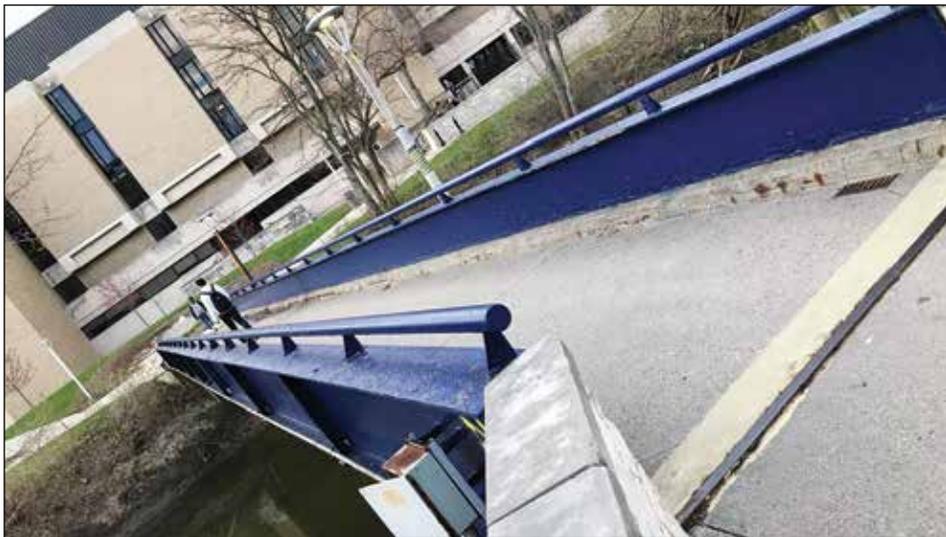


Photo by Kelsi Rooks

COMING DOWN: The bridge located behind Carlson Library will be closed starting Monday, May 7, so the span can be replaced.

Upgrading UT to Banner 9

By Christine Wasserman

UT's Division of Technology is working in conjunction with academic and administrative departments to transition the University from Banner 8 to Banner 9.

Banner 9 delivers an improved user experience by offering new tools and expanded mobile capabilities.

"The University will greatly benefit from this upgrade because of Banner 9's capacity to significantly improve functionality and user experience," said Bill McCreary, vice president and chief information and technology officer. "Banner 9 is very intuitive and easy to use, plus this upgrade aligns with our overarching strategy to enhance daily operations with seamless communication across applications and processes, better connecting the University."

"Among many useful features, you can use any type of modern web browser," explained John Cavins, senior director of information technology. "Also, Banner 9 works on mobile devices, such as iPads and tablets, which may provide more convenience for many of our users."

Over the past few months, implementation team members have been testing the administrative pages for Banner 9, primarily used by core office personnel.

On March 26, the Banner 9 administrative application went live in parallel with Banner 8, and full implementation of Banner 9 — including all of the self-service functionality — will occur by the end of 2019.

What does this IT upgrade mean for the everyday user? Among myriad benefits, when fully implemented, Banner 9 will enable faculty to post grades via their smart phones; students to enroll for classes on mobile devices; and managers to quickly access information for each of their team members, such as contact information, profile pictures and leave balances, all on one landing page.

Additionally, departments that directly serve students should find Banner 9 better enables them to create and send registration reminders, financial aid notification, scholarship award letters, and other important messages. And Human Resources will have expanded functionality managing employment files, personnel actions and other operational duties.

For more information about UT's upgrade to Banner 9, visit utoledo.edu/it/banner9. Questions may be sent to banner9@utoledo.edu.

New Starbucks coffee service coming to UT Medical Center

By Meghan Cunningham

A new coffee kiosk is coming to The University of Toledo Medical Center that will serve the whole line of Starbucks beverages to patients, visitors and staff.

"We look forward to proudly serving Starbucks products in an expanded coffee service venue that will enhance the coffee and food options currently available and also provide extended hours to allow more people to enjoy them," said Mario Toussaint, chief experience officer for UTMC.

The new coffee service, which will be managed by the Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired, a division of the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities state agency, is expected to open in August in the lobby area of the hospital.

The new coffee service will take the place of Caffeini's, which has served the hospital well for many years, Toussaint said.

In addition to an assortment of Starbucks beverages, a menu of soups, flatbreads and a create-your-own-sandwich bar will be offered at the new location. It also will be open later and on the weekends. The hours of operations will be from 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily.

Renovations for the new coffee venue are expected to begin in July. During construction, a temporary coffee cart offering limited Starbucks beverages and some food options will be available.

"We understand the potential disruption the renovations may cause, and we apologize in advance for any inconvenience and ask for extra patience during this time," Toussaint said.

Parking garages to close for repairs in May

Restoration work is scheduled for the Main Campus east and west parking garages, which are slated to close from May to early July.

The annual construction project is expected to start Monday, May 7, and run through Friday, July 6.

If works stays on schedule, the garages will open the week of July 9, according to Doug Collins, director of grounds and off-site facilities.

The project will include concrete repairs to the floor systems, as well as installation of

sealants, that will require both ramps be closed during the project, according to Collins.

"The main scope of the work will be installing supplemental horizontal reinforcement," Collins said. "Other repairs, such as floor patching and caulking replacement, will be done to address maintenance issues that arise due to the winter months.

"All of this work is part of our program to maintain the structures," he added. "We thank everyone for their patience so we can take care of the structures."

Members needed to serve on University Conduct, Title IX boards

By Anna Brogan-Knight

The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards is in the process of selecting and training faculty and staff for the University Conduct and Title IX boards.

All faculty and staff members are welcome to serve on these boards.

A three-day training will be held Monday through Wednesday, May 14-16.

Following the training session, board members are asked to commit to serving at three to five hearings per academic year. Hearings typically last approximately four hours and are held during business hours unless there is a special circumstance.

Board members are part of a volunteer pool and only serve on hearings if they are available.

"We welcome all faculty and staff to take an active role in our hearing boards and use this as an opportunity to promote community well-being, safety and success at The University of Toledo," said Dr. Phillip "Flapp" Cockrell, vice president for student affairs.

Women, underrepresented minorities, veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply in an effort to build boards representative of UT's diverse campus community.

A comprehensive description of each of these boards, member roles and responsibilities, and application details are available at utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/conduct/hearingboards.html.

UT researchers' paper receives award from American Educational Research Association

By Ashley Diel

Dr. Snejana Slantcheva-Durst, a faculty member in the Higher Education Program, and Dr. Mingyang Liu, data systems analyst from Institutional Research, received the exemplary paper award from the Special Interest Groups (SIG): Measurement and Assessment in Higher Education within the American Educational Research Association.

The honor was for their paper on "Confidence to Perform in the Global Marketplace: Constructing and Validating a Survey Instrument for Community College Students."

The award is targeted for anyone submitting a paper to the SIG track, and eligibility for the recognition requires acceptance of the paper into the SIG program.

"Winning the award reassured me that the research Ming and I did could be of use," said Slantcheva-Durst, associate professor in the Judith Herb College of Education. "More importantly, I was very happy that it was this specific study that received the award — a study where I worked with someone I have known as a student in the Higher Education Program, then as a PhD candidate in another College of Education program, and then as a colleague. For me, this award reaffirmed the value in collaboration with students and colleagues."

Their paper focuses on global awareness and the ability to work in an increasingly global environment. They

studied college students' confidence to perform in the global marketplace and their beliefs in their own abilities to successfully carry out job-related tasks.

"Our goal was to operationalize this concept, and design and test an instrument that gauges that confidence," Slantcheva-Durst said.

The instrument they developed can be used to assist educators in evaluating the results of their efforts to increase students' global awareness.

"We hope findings from this paper can offer useful feedback to college internationalization-focused staff in their efforts to assess outcomes of international initiatives for college students, thus supporting program assessment, evaluation of student growth, and institutional decision-making," Liu said.

Liu and Slantcheva-Durst traveled to New York City to receive their award earlier this month.



HONORED: Dr. Snejana Slantcheva-Durst, left, and Dr. Mingyang Liu, right, posed for a photo with their award, which they received from Dr. Natasha Jankowski, Special Interest Groups chair of the American Educational Research Association.

"I think this award is very affirming that our research really makes a difference in the field, and I want to continue to pursue this direction in the future as a quantitative researcher in social sciences," Liu said.

The American Educational Research Association is a national society that strives to advance knowledge to encourage scholarly inquiry related to education, and to promote the use of research to improve education and serve the public good.

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Tickets still available for Spring Reverse Raffle and Auction May 19

By Paul Helgren

Tickets are still available for The University of Toledo Athletic Department's annual Spring Reverse Raffle and Auction Fundraiser.

The raffle will be held Saturday, May 19, on the main court at Savage Arena beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Reverse Raffle is a night of fun, food and games. A limit of 350 tickets at \$150 each are sold for the event.

Only a small number of tickets for the Reverse Raffle are left, so get your tickets before they sell out.

Your \$150 Reverse Raffle ticket includes:

- Entrance for two to the event and one entry into the drawing;
- All you can eat food and beverage, including beer and wine;
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and indigenous Ecuadorans about the political climate and how it affected them."

Murray understands the current U.S. political climate will be a topic of keen discussion once she arrives in her assigned city.

"I definitely think I'll get a lot of questions about the current administration and the situation here in the U.S.," she said. "That's one of the reasons I should go. I think it's important that people judge our country not only on news and policy, but from meeting me as a U.S. citizen and knowing me as an actual person."

This summer, she'll study for her GRE so she can apply to graduate schools in December. She plans to earn a master's degree in Latin American affairs.

With an "about 80 percent" fluency in Spanish, Murray also intends to use her time in Mexico to master the language while immersing herself in the culture of its people.

"I think it's important to understand the countries we're creating policies with and making deals with," she said. "A lot of times, the voices of those who are most affected by policy are left out of the discussion. I want to try to change that."

Rocket Recharge to offer fun, relaxation May 16

All UT employees are invited to come unwind and recharge their minds and bodies after the long academic year. Stop by Rocket Recharge Wednesday, May 16.

“Stress and burnout can have profound effects on one’s overall well-being. We want to help our employees recharge their wellness by offering a variety of activities that are shown to aid in stress relief and relaxation,” Wendy Davis, associate vice president and chief human resources officer, said.

Rocket Recharge will include a couple art projects, a mindfulness presentation, open meditation sitting, yoga, herb gardening, dog petting and more.

The event will take place on Centennial Mall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, the event will move to the Center for Health and Successful Living, in Health and Human Services Building Room 1100.

“We invite everyone to stop out for as long as they can and take advantage of the free activities and healthy snacks,” Davis said. “Some of the activities require registration, so please visit the Rocket Wellness website to make sure you don’t miss your chance.”

For more information and to register for the free event, visit utoledo.edu/offices/rocketwellness/coming-events.html.

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Join UTMC team for Heart Walk

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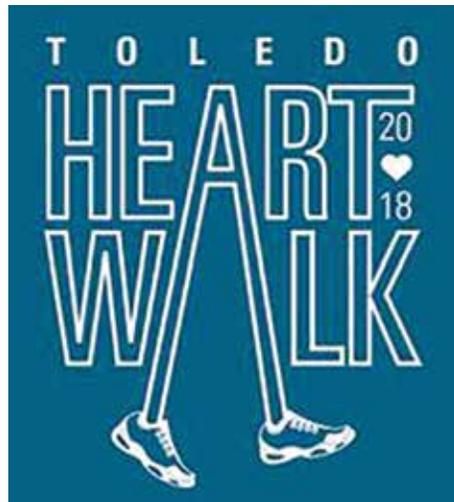
The Heart Walk will take place Saturday, May 12, at the Huntington Center in downtown Toledo. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. To join a UT team, register at www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=3082&pg=company&company_id=105147.

As a health leader in the community, UTMC is sponsoring two additional fundraising walks in May.

The 2018 NAMIWalks Greater Toledo in support of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will be Saturday, May 12, on Health Science Campus. Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The walk supports a stigma-free workplace for individuals and family members whose lives are affected by mental illness.

To join the UTMC Psychiatry team called Mental Strides, which includes Adult Psychiatry, Kobacker Center, Senior Behavioral Health and Inpatient Detox, register at namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=19972.



UTMC also will help "Rocket to a Cure" with its team for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in support of the American Cancer Society.

Making Strides of Northwest Ohio will be Saturday, May 19, at Hensville Park downtown with registration beginning at 8 a.m.

To join the UTMC team, go to main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer/MSABCCY18NCR?team_id=2259990&pg=team&fr_id=89103&ga=2.5292656.2143556214.1522682994-2024682191.1521741245.

UT employees may schedule graduate photos

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

Contact Kelsi Rooks at kelsi.rooks@utoledo.edu or 419.530.2299 to schedule an appointment before Friday, May 4.

Photos will appear in the paper after commencement.

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In memoriam

Randolph A. "Randy" Baker, Toledo, a former MCO employee, died April 19 at age 62.

June E. (Pier) Graf, Monclova, Ohio, who was a secretary at MCO/MUO until her retirement in 2006, died April 22 at age 89.

Theresa A. (Hamp) Kleman, Toledo, a former UT employee, died April 22. She was 67.

Donna J. (Gorsuch) Mitchell, Toledo, who worked at MCO/MUO in the Dietary Department for 20 years until her retirement in 2006, died April 19 at age 87.

James J. "Jim" Richard, Toledo, died April 20 at age 95. In 1978, he joined MCO as director of communications and retired from that position in 1989. He also was a part-time instructor in the UT Communication Department until 1992. After he retired, he founded and became president of the MCO retirees organization. The family suggests tributes to The University of Toledo Foundation designated for Health Science Campus.

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