

Tribute to island life comes to UT for Homecoming

“Aloha Rockets!” will bring a bit of Hawaii to campus for UT’s Homecoming.

“We want The University of Toledo community members to feel like they are in paradise as we celebrate the campus’ oldest tradition,” said Cassandra Wood, Homecoming director and fourth-year student majoring in middle childhood education. “Our goal is to include all students, faculty, administrators, alumni and community members in the island activities we have planned for Homecoming Week — even surfing during our Rocket Luau!”

“We want to bring the Rocket Ohana together and have an awesome time,” added Lily Kilpatrick, director of Homecoming programs and second-year student majoring in adolescent/young adult integrated social studies. “Ohana is the Hawaiian word for family, and Homecoming is a such a special time for all of us to come together and display our Rocket pride.”

Hang loose and check out this year’s Homecoming activities, which will include:

MONDAY, OCT. 2

- Continental Breakfast, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Student Union South Dining Hall. Kick off the week with a Hawaiian breakfast. There’ll be a variety of foods for everyone — and island tunes, too!
- Poolside Paradise, 7 to 10 p.m., Student Recreation Center. Float in the pool and watch “Lilo & Stitch.” Want to see the movie and not swim? The film also will be shown in the Oak Room, where pizza and snacks will be provided. A complimentary PiYo class will be offered at 7 p.m., the rock-climbing wall will be open from 8 to 9 p.m., and those ultra-adventurous souls can try the High Ropes Course from 9 to 10 p.m.



TUESDAY, OCT. 3

- “Eat the Street,” 5 to 10 p.m., Residence Drive, which is located between Presidents Hall and Ottawa House. Come out for UT’s version of Hawaii’s monthly festival. Students, faculty, staff and alumni are welcome to the event for a

variety of Hawaiian food that will be provided by local food trucks. Play beach volleyball, corn hole and other games, and have a cup of Kona ice.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4

- Flags for Veterans, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Centennial Mall. There are more than 15,000 homeless people

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UT to launch its first Day of Giving

By Meghan Cunningham

Support students by contributing to The University of Toledo’s first Day of Giving on Thursday, Oct. 12.

The inaugural fundraising event, Rocket Forward: You Launch Lives, will begin at midnight Thursday, Oct. 12, and last through noon Friday, Oct. 13. During those 36 hours, everyone is encouraged to give to UT, including alumni, students, faculty, staff, volunteers and members of the community who support the institution.

UT is launching this new tradition in recognition of its founder. The University began with a gift when Jesup W. Scott donated 160 acres of land to found what was then the Toledo University of Arts and Trades because he believed Toledo was destined to become the “future great city of the world.”

As UT marks the 145th anniversary of when the University was established in 1872, supporters are encouraged to follow

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Higher education alliance aims to improve Ohioans’ health

By Christine Billau

As the state of Ohio struggles with multiple critical health issues, The University of Toledo and Ohio University are coming together to find solutions.

The health colleges of the two universities will form the Ohio Alliance for Innovation in Population Health, which will collaborate with the UT College of Law and the Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs, to help create community-specific ways to fix the state’s health problems, such as opioid addiction, health-care access, chronic disease and infant mortality.

The signing ceremony to formalize the collaboration agreement between Ohio University’s College of Health Sciences and Professions and The University of Toledo’s College of Health and Human Services will take place Thursday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Education building in Columbus. UT President Sharon L. Gaber

and Ohio University President M. Duane Nellis will sign the document.

Each partner contributes unique strengths and robust research capabilities to the alliance. The collaboration also features joint academic offerings for students.

“Our institutions represent two of the largest health-focused colleges in Ohio with well over 100 faculty researchers between the two colleges,” said Dr. Randy Leite, dean of the Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions. “The Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions has vibrant applied health programming, and The University of Toledo has a well-developed population health foundation. We are both strategically located in areas of the state with considerable disparity in health outcomes compared to the rest of the state and nation.”

“We’ve developed the alliance to enhance outreach and improve lives in Ohio, as well as increase our infrastructure

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UT leadership expert to deliver free, public lecture Oct. 5 as national teaching award finalist

By Christine Billau

Dr. Clinton Longenecker, a leadership expert at The University of Toledo and one of three finalists for the prestigious Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching from Baylor University, is giving a free, public lecture titled “Career Success and Survival in the 21st Century: A Mandate for Lifelong Learning!”

The event, which is an essential component of the award process and sponsored by the UT student chapter of the Society of Human Resource Management, will be Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Savage & Associates Business Complex Room 1200 on Main Campus.

The other Cherry Award finalists are Dr. Heidi Elmendorf, associate professor of biology at Georgetown University, and Dr. Neil Garg, professor of chemistry at UCLA.

In addition to delivering a lecture on his or her home campus, each finalist also will present a lecture at Baylor in Waco, Texas, this fall. Longenecker’s lecture is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 23, at 4:30 p.m.

The Cherry Award winner, which will be announced by Baylor in 2018, will receive \$250,000 and an additional \$25,000 for his or her home department and will teach in residence at Baylor during fall 2018 or spring 2019.

Longenecker, Distinguished University Professor and director of the Center for Leadership and Organizational Excellence in the UT College of Business and Innovation, has received more than 60 teaching, service and research awards and numerous industry awards. He was recognized by *The Economist* as one of



Longenecker

the “Top 15 Business Professors in the World.”

The Cherry Award is the only national teaching award — with the single largest monetary reward — presented by

a college or university to an individual for exceptional teaching.

“To be selected as one of three finalists for this prestigious award is an absolute

honor, and I’m very proud to represent The University of Toledo on this national stage,” Longenecker said. “I’ve considered my entire career to be a privilege, an opportunity to make a difference, and a blessing to be able to teach adult learners how to improve their skills and career trajectory.”

Longenecker’s teaching, research and consulting interests are in high-performance leadership and creating great organizations. He has published more than 190 articles and papers in academic and professional journals, as well as several best-selling books. His latest book, “The Successful Career Survival Guide,” was published in March.

Moving display



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

Joely Giammarco, senior business manager and assistant to the associate vice president for academic finance in the Office of the Provost, left, and Cathy Zimmer, director of relations in the Office of the Provost, looked at shirts from the Clothesline Project, which was on display Thursday on Centennial Mall to raise awareness about sexual violence. The shirts are a way for women affected by violence and their family and friends to express their emotions and share their experiences. The event was organized by the Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program, which also held an open house to show its new location with the Title IX Office in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1120.

AN EVENING WITH JACK LESSENBERRY

“Censorship and Self-Censorship: The Media in the Age of Trump”
 Friday, October 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 Carlson Library, First Floor, Room 1005

Lessenberry is an award-winning journalist, writer and political and economic commentator. He serves as head of the journalism faculty at Wayne State University and is the ombudsman for *The Blade*.

Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Part of the American Library Association’s International Holiday Banned Books Week

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in Scott's footsteps and invest in their city's public university on Founder's Day.

"We are encouraging Rockets around the world to come together for one day to use their collective power to give back and make a huge difference in the present and future of The University of Toledo," UT President Sharon L. Gaber said.

"Philanthropy is key to continuing the positive momentum of our University, and I look forward to seeing what is possible when alumni and friends join forces on our Day of Giving to celebrate what we are passionate about at UT."

"It is fitting that we kick off this Day of Giving on Founder's Day to honor our past as we celebrate our future," said Michael Harders, vice president for advancement.

"Giving to the University is an investment in our students, our scholars, our facilities and our community as a whole. Every donor and every dollar will make a difference."

Participation is the goal for this inaugural Day of Giving, which aims to encourage as many people as possible to support the University.

Multiple activities are planned to celebrate the day and raise awareness of the opportunity to give. The UT community is invited to Centennial Mall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, when WXUT FM 88.3 will provide popular music entertainment, Founder's Day cupcakes will be shared, and giving tables will be set up to make it easy to donate with cash, credit cards and Rocket dollars. On Health Science

Campus, giving stations are planned in the Collier Building, Mulford Library, Wolfe Center and the Four Seasons Bistro inside UT Medical Center.

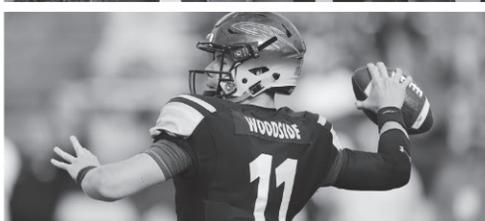
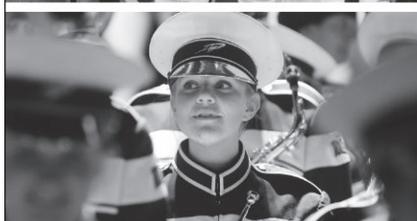
To get students engaged in Day of Giving, for donations of just \$1 they can pet a dog or snap a photobooth picture on Centennial Mall, and for \$5 they can receive a UT branded blender bottle. Students also can participate in several raffles during the on-campus fundraising event. For a \$10 donation, they get the chance to win a Rocket football jersey signed by Coach Jason Candle. A \$25 donation will give student donors one of seven chances to get a rooftop tour of Parks Tower, and a \$50 donation will provide the chance to be one

of seven people to tour the clock tower in University Hall.

UT mascots Rocky and Rocksy also will be "locked up" on the outdoor balcony off Doermann Theatre in University Hall to be freed when the goal of 200 gifts is reached.

Gifts to rocketforward.utoledo.edu during the Day of Giving can be designated to specific funds that support causes donors are passionate about. Various giving challenges also will be added to the website during the course of the fundraising event.

Support UT on its first Day of Giving, Rocket Forward: You Launch Lives.



Here are some ways you can **SUPPORT STUDENTS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO'S DAY OF GIVING**

- Make your gift at rocketforward.utoledo.edu.
- Encourage your friends and family members to give.
- Celebrate our Day of Giving on social media by including **#rocketforward**.
- Learn how to leave a legacy of distinction by visiting utoledo.plannedgiving.org.

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Poetry reading to raise funds for UT's first LGBT scholarship

By Vicki L. Kroll

The power and artistry of words will take center stage at the Rane Arroyo Poetry Read-In, which will be held Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 6 p.m. in Carlson Library Room 1005.

The event is named for a virtuoso.

"Rane wrote openly as an out, proud gay Puerto Rican male," Dr. Glenn Sheldon, UT honors professor of humanities, said. "I want the audience to listen to the music of Rane's words, to let intuitions of the poet lead us to our own personal discoveries, to just listen to a poem be — to enjoy!"

Dr. Arroyo was a Distinguished University Professor of English who taught creative writing and literature at UT from 1997 until his death in 2010. The author of 10 poetry books, six chapbooks of poetry, a collection of short stories, and a collection of plays, Arroyo won an array of writing awards, including the John Ciardi Poetry Prize, the Carl Sandburg Poetry Prize and a Pushcart Prize.

"Rane loved both writing poetry, plays and fiction as much as he loved teaching creative writers. Teaching creative writing always enthused him. He saw potential in each and every student he came across," said Sheldon, chair of the LGBTQA+ Advisory Board. "From what I sensed after his death, so very many students found his classes life-altering."

Reading poetry at the event will be Dr. Sharon L. Barnes, associate professor and chair of the Women's and Gender Studies Department; Leslie Ann B. Chambers, adjunct faculty member in the Jesup Scott Honors College; Sariah Flores-Shutts, resource specialist in the Center for Engagement; Wade Lee, electronic information services librarian, science research librarian and associate professor in University Libraries; Dr. Edmund Langan, associate professor and chair of the Theatre and Film Department; and Dr. Skaidrite Stelzer, assistant professor of English. Also reading will be Toledo resident Bernie Filipski and Shannon Smith, associate professor of English at Owens Community College.

Cash, checks and credit card donations will be accepted at the free, public poetry read-in. Funds raised will go toward establishing UT's first LGBT scholarship.

It was Barnes who approached Sheldon about creating a scholarship to honor Arroyo and former UT student Troy Anaya Jr., who died in 2016 at age 31.

"After Troy's funeral, I spent some time with a few students who were active in Spectrum [now called Prism] and dear friends with him," Barnes said. "We were

talking about how much we loved Troy and how we really wanted to do something special to remember his presence in our lives and to celebrate him. We were also reflecting on how impactful the lack of financial resources was in his life, and so it wasn't a big leap to think about creating a scholarship in his name."

The Anaya/Arroyo Scholarship will be for one or more LGBT-identified undergraduates. The goal is to award the first scholarship in 2018, according to Sheldon.

"When I put those two last names together in my head, the poet's ear in me rejoiced! Two beautiful Latino names with all those remarkably similar vowel sounds and the enthusiasm of the letter 'y,' which rarely gets its due in English," Sheldon said. "Although Troy and Rane never knew each other personally, Troy's mother, Diane Ballesteros-Houston, believes they would have gotten along famously. From what I have learned about Troy, I am certain she is spot on."

"Troy was an incredibly genuine person, open, welcoming, friendly and supportive. He had a way of making people feel accepted because he genuinely accepted them. He also had a great sense of humor and love of life. He was just really fun to be around," Barnes said.

"As gay Latinos from working class backgrounds, both Rane and Troy faced multiple oppressions, including financial hardship, racism and homophobia," she said. "We honor their talent, intelligence

and shining personalities by creating a path to higher education for someone similarly situated in the matrix of cultural privilege and oppression. They were both proud activists. I am certain that being remembered in this way would make them both proud."

After the read-in, donations can be made to the Anaya/Arroyo Scholarship through the UT Foundation at give2ut.utoledo.edu.

"We hope this event will help us to begin to amass a small fortune to help LGBT students here at the University for many years to come," Sheldon said.

The read-in is one of several events taking place at UT in honor of National LGBTQ History Month; see p. 12.

For more information about the read-in or the scholarship, contact Sheldon at glenn.sheldon@utoledo.edu or 419.530.3261.

RANE ARROYO POETRY READ-IN



Tuesday, October 10th
Carlson Library, Room 1005
6pm-8pm

Free & Open to the Public

Cash or check donations welcome for UT's first LGBT student scholarship

Rane Arroyo was an American poet, playwright, and scholar of Puerto Rican descent who wrote numerous books and received many literary awards. He was a professor of English and Creative Writing at the University of Toledo. His work deals extensively with issues of immigration, Latino culture, and homosexuality. Arroyo was openly gay and frequently wrote self-reflexive autobiographical texts.

'Badass' author to sign books at Homecoming Oct. 7

By Vicki L. Kroll

Here's your chance to meet that crazy, brave lady who changed her life by embarking on weekly new adventures for one year.

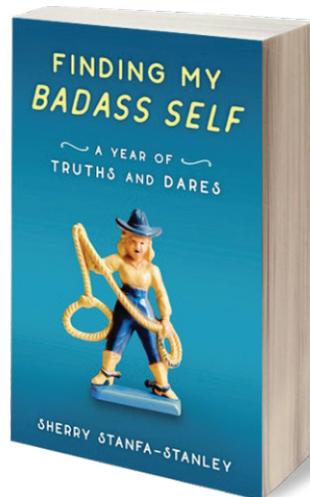
Sherry Stanfa-Stanley will sign copies of her book, "Finding My Badass Self: A Year of Truths and Dares," Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore at the Gateway.

The 1983 UT alumna will talk about her uplifting and amusing escapades and read from her debut.

Her year of personal challenges included suiting up as Rocky the mascot for a UT soccer game; babysitting quadruplets; going on a raid with the vice squad and SWAT team; visiting a nude beach — and taking her 75-year-old mother; performing as a mime outside a shopping center in Newport, Ky.; and crashing a wedding reception — and catching the bride's bouquet.

"Homecoming is always a special time of the year," she said. "For me, this year will be even more exciting and rewarding. When I attended UT and worked four years as a UT bookstore student employee, I never dreamed I'd someday return there as an author."

Released Aug. 15 by She Writes Press, "Finding My Badass Self" continues to receive raves. PopSugar included it in its top five books in the wellness category, and



Buzzfeed.com named the book one of five fall reads "guaranteed to make you laugh out loud." Positive press from trade journals includes Kirkus Reviews, Midwest Book Review and Foreword Reviews.

And Stanfa-Stanley was named the Erma Bombeck Writers Workshop Humor Writer of the Month in September.

Stanfa-Stanley returned to work at her alma mater in 1992 and is the director of foundation and development communications at the UT Foundation. She received an Outstanding Woman Award last spring from the University Women's Commission.

The witty writer continues to schedule book-signing events. Check out upcoming appearances at sherrystanfa.stanley.com, which links



Photo by Whitney A. Bryan

WRITE ON! Sherry Stanfa-Stanley signed her book, "Finding My Badass Self: A Year of Truths and Dares," during a recent event. She will read and sign at the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

to facebook.com/The52at52Project, where it all began in 2013 when she started chronicling her wild, weird and wonderful reinvention.

"Finding My Badass Self" is available at her signing, most local bookstores, and all online book retailers.

Read on



"The battle of the First Amendment is never over," Dr. Paulette D. Kilmer, UT professor of communication, reminded everyone at the 20th annual Banned Books Vigil. Kilmer organizes the event that celebrates the right to read and think freely. "We have so much to be grateful for today," she said, thanking numerous sponsors. "For the right to read and think freely, there is not a better cause." Approximately 750 people stopped by during the daylong event, according to Kilmer. A total of 230 banned books and a slew of other prizes were given out during the vigil.

Photo by Rachel Nearhoof



Beau Case, who joined UT in August as dean of University Libraries, spoke at the opening of the Banned Books Vigil. "I've worked in a lot of libraries in my career; but the banned books event here at UT is the largest I've ever seen," he said.

Photo by Daniel Miller

Alumni to be honored at annual Homecoming Gala Oct. 6

This week The University of Toledo Alumni Association will recognize the winners of its most prestigious awards: the Gold T, Blue T and Edward H. Schmidt Outstanding Young Alum Award.

These three recipients will be recognized — along with distinguished alumni from each UT college — at the Homecoming Alumni Gala and Awards Ceremony Friday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium.

Tickets for the gala are \$30 each, \$10 for children, and may be purchased by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 419.530.ALUM (2586) or by visiting toledoalumni.org.

The Gold T is presented to a UT graduate in recognition of outstanding achievement in his or her field of endeavor while providing leadership and noteworthy service to the community.



Kim

The 2017 winner of the Gold T is Dr. Julian Kim of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Kim, a renowned expert in the treatment of patients

with melanoma, breast cancer, soft tissue sarcomas and gastrointestinal malignancies, graduated from the College of Medicine and Life Sciences in 1986. Chief of oncologic surgery and chief medical officer at the Seidman Cancer Center of University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center and the Charles Hubay Professor of Surgery at Case Western Reserve University, Kim holds the U.S. patent for novel research discovery in adoptive immunotherapy of cancer. His breakthrough process takes immune cells from a cancer patient and activates them in a laboratory in order to infuse them back into the patient to treat the cancer. Clinical trials in patients with advanced melanoma have proven successful, with the treatment helping to slow the advancement of the cancer. His treatment process is being used to assist pancreatic cancer patients. Prior to joining the Seidman Cancer Center in 2006, Kim served as director of the Melanoma Program at the Cleveland Clinic. Seidman Cancer Center is one of only 42 cancer hospitals nationwide.

The Blue T is presented to a UT Alumni Association member and UT graduate who has made outstanding contributions to the progress and development of the Alumni Association and University.

The Hon. Nancy Miller, of Sylvania, Ohio, is the 2017 honoree. Chief magistrate of Lucas County Probate Court, Miller holds three degrees from The University of Toledo: a bachelor of arts in psychology/sociology in 1977, a master of education in community agency counseling in 1979, and a juris doctor from the College of Law in 1988. A member of the executive committee of the Alumni Association's Board of Trustees where she serves as



Miller

secretary, Miller is also chair of the policy and procedures committee for Women & Philanthropy at UT. Recipient of the Henry Herschel Commitment Award in 2015 from the College of Law Alumni Affiliate, she is a member of the Dean's Advisory Board in the College of Law. Miller is a major donor to numerous campus organizations, including the Medical Research Society, Women & Philanthropy, and the College of Law. A past president of the Lucas County Bar Association and the Toledo Women's Bar Association, Miller was the first ombudsman for Lucas County Children Services. She has received national acclaim for her work in protecting children.

The Edward H. Schmidt Outstanding Young Alum Award is presented to a University graduate who is 35 years or younger in recognition of outstanding achievement in her or his field of endeavor, while providing leadership and noteworthy service to the Alumni Association, University or community. This award is

named in memory of Ed Schmidt, a 1942 alumnus and a longtime supporter of the University and its Alumni Association.

The 2017 recipient of this award is Dr. Michelle Carey, of Temperance, Mich. Carey earned a bachelor of science degree from the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2011 and was awarded the doctor of pharmacy degree from that college in 2013, when she was class valedictorian. Clinical pharmacist for St. Luke's Hospital Anticoagulation



Carey

Service, Carey is an active community volunteer. Secretary of the Toledo Academy of Pharmacy, she is a member of the American Pharmacists Association national new practitioner communications and networking committee. A member of the UT Alumni Association's Board of Trustees, she is a regular volunteer at the University community care clinic, Notre Dame Academy, Blessed Sacrament Church and Bedford Goodfellows.

Note traffic pattern, parking changes for Homecoming Parade

UT faculty, staff, students and alumni who will be traveling to Main Campus Saturday, Oct. 7, to enjoy Homecoming festivities should note the Homecoming Parade's new direction and parking lot changes that will help to alleviate traffic congestion on game day.

Presented by the Blue Key National Honor Society, this year's Edward C. and Helen G. Schmakel Homecoming Parade will begin at 8 a.m. and travel through the Old Orchard neighborhood in the opposite direction than it has in previous years due to ongoing construction on Bancroft Street. To help you enjoy watching the parade with friends and family, see the map on p. 7.

As the floats, dignitaries, alumni and other parade participants assemble, parking lots 12 and 13

will be closed, and lot 14 impacted, until the parade passes through — from approximately 7 to 10 a.m. (These are in addition to other lots that are routinely closed on game day: lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 28.) At the same time, the entrances to Campus Drive and West Towerview Boulevard also will be closed.

Drivers are encouraged to use the following alternate lots between 7 and 10 a.m. on Saturday: 1N, 1S, 2, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 and the east parking garage.

Staff will be on hand to open lots 12 and 13 as soon as the parade passes through, and to help ensure traffic is well-managed on Homecoming Day, when hundreds of additional vehicles will be on campus. Your patience and attention to safety are appreciated.

Construction on Bancroft Street to clear for Homecoming weekend

Late on Friday, Oct. 6, two lanes on Bancroft Street by Main Campus will reopen to accommodate east and west traffic for Homecoming weekend.

The orange barrels and detour will be back, however, starting at 6 a.m. Monday, Oct. 9, as work on installing a new storm sewer line continues.

That means west-bound lanes on Bancroft will be closed and the detour route will continue, according to Doug Collins, director of grounds and transportation.

Drivers heading west can take the posted detour — University Hills Boulevard to Douglas Road to Dorr Street to Secor Road.

Lane restrictions for east-bound traffic on Bancroft Street will continue, as well, Collins added.

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in Hawaii, and 8 percent of them are veterans. This philanthropic event will feature flags that can be purchased in honor of people who have fought for the United States to raise funds to help support them after their service is complete. All money collected will be donated to IMatters, which helps homeless veterans in the Toledo area.

- Homecoming Royalty Pageant, 7 p.m., Thompson Student Union Ingman Room. Get to know the 2017 Homecoming king and queen candidates.

THURSDAY, OCT. 5

- Rocket Luau, noon to 2 p.m., Centennial Mall. Party island-style! Stop by for free food and fun activities.
- Pep Rally, 12:30 p.m., Thompson Student Union Steps. Join the football team, UT Marching Band, dance team, cheerleaders, Rocky and Rocky to psych up for the Homecoming game.
- National Pan-Hellenic Council Talent Show, 8 p.m., Doermann Theatre. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 6

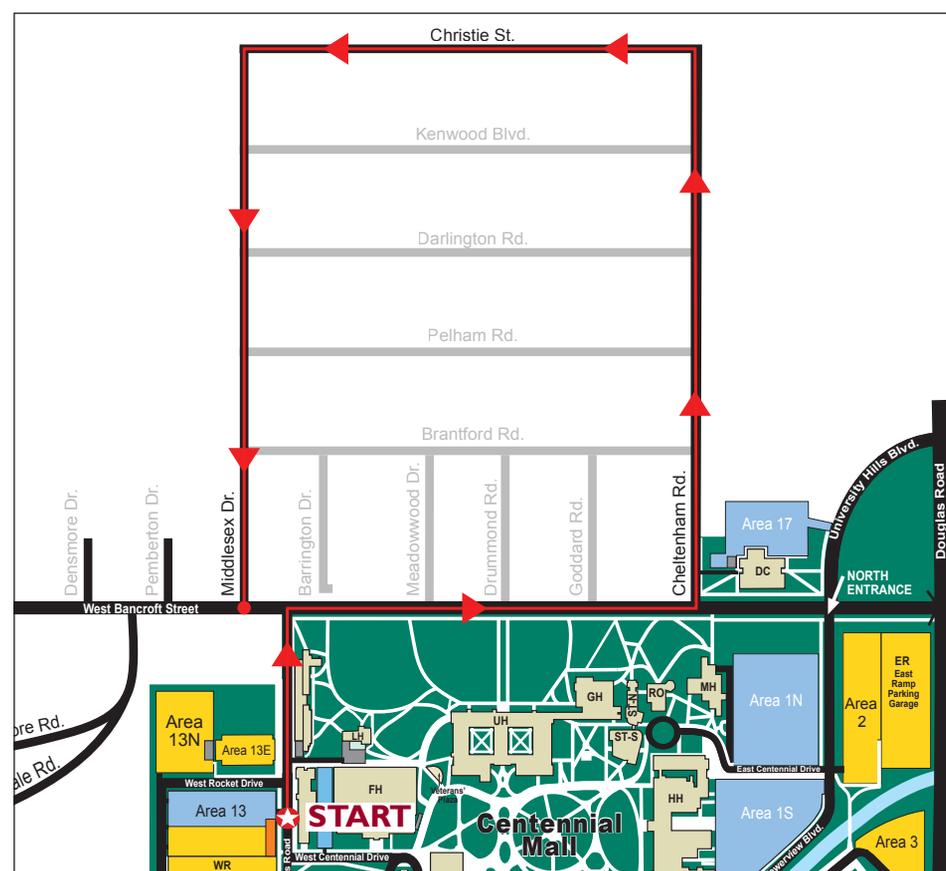
- Bridge, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Horton International House Dining Hall. Volunteer to help make sandwiches for those in need in the area.
- Homecoming Alumni Gala and Awards Ceremony, 6 p.m., Thompson Student Union

Auditorium. The Alumni Association will present this year's Gold T, Blue T and Edward H. Schmidt Young Alum Award, and college and affiliate award winners will be honored. There will be a Hawaiian-themed menu for the dinner. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$10 for children. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the UT Alumni Office at 419.530.ALUM (2586) or shirley.grzecki@utoledo.edu.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

- The Edward C. and Helen G. Schmamel Homecoming Parade, 8 a.m. There is a different route for this year's parade, which is sponsored by Blue Key National Honor Society. The parade will begin at West Bancroft Street and Campus Road and go east to Cheltenham Road to Christie Street to Middlesex Drive and back to West Bancroft Street. The grand marshal for this year's parade will be former UT and NFL quarterback Bruce Gradkowski.
- Alumni Tailgate, 9 a.m., William and Carol Koester Alumni Pavilion. Stop by for free hot dogs, chips and non-alcoholic beverages. There will be a cash bar for those 21 and older with proper ID, and Five O'Clock Rush will play live music.
- Toledo Rockets vs. Eastern Michigan Eagles Homecoming Game, noon, Glass Bowl. Cheer on

About face!



This year, the Edward C. and Helen G. Schmamel Homecoming Parade has a new route: It will begin at West Bancroft Street and Campus Road and go east to Cheltenham Road to Christie Street to Middlesex Drive and back to West Bancroft Street.

the Rockets and see the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen. Longtime faculty member Dr. Donald Wedding, associate professor of management in the College of Business and Innovation, will be recognized as an honorary Homecoming king for his service to the University. Tickets range

from \$33 to \$68; \$19 and \$16.50 for children 12 and younger; half off for UT faculty and staff; and free for UT students with IDs. For tickets, call 419.530.GOLD (4653) or go to utrockets.com.

For more information on Homecoming, go to utoledo.edu/homecoming.

Hebrew Bible to be discussed Oct. 9

By Ashley Diel

The University of Toledo Center for Religious Understanding will host a lecture titled “Is the Hebrew Bible a Jewish Book?” Monday, Oct. 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

The lecture will be given by Dr. Yonatan S. Miller, who is in his second year as the Markowicz Visiting Assistant Professor of Judaism and Jewish Biblical Studies, and director of the Center for Religious Understanding.

He earned his PhD in Jewish studies from Harvard University in 2015, after which he held a postdoctoral appointment as a Harry Starr Fellow in Judaica at Harvard’s Center for Jewish Studies.

Miller’s research examines the interpretive reception of the Hebrew Bible among ancient Jewish writers, with particular focus on the continuities, adaptations and appropriations of biblical motifs in classical Jewish literature, from the Dead Sea Scrolls through the Babylonian Talmud.

“Despite its being well over two millennia old, the Hebrew Bible’s continued importance is undeniable,” Miller said. “It is regularly invoked in contemporary political and cultural contexts and, of course, it is part of the canon venerated by nearly one-third of the world’s population. To understand the people, processes and historical frameworks that led to its formation of this text is consequently essential to being an informed member of society today.”

The Philip Markowicz Lecture in Judaism and Jewish Biblical Studies is an annual event for the University and the Toledo community. The lecture is sponsored by Philip’s children, Dr. Allen Markowicz and Sylvia Neil, in honor of his continuing passion for the academic study of the Hebrew Bible, which continues with vigor, even into his ninth decade of life.

RSVPs for the free, public lecture are appreciated at cfriu.eventbrite.com.

For more information, visit cfriu.eventbrite.com or email cfriu@utoledo.edu.

THE ANNUAL PHILIP MARKOWICZ LECTURE ON JUDAISM AND JEWISH BIBLICAL STUDIES

Is the Hebrew Bible a Jewish Book?

By **Yonatan S. Miller, PhD**

Markowicz Visiting Assistant Professor of Judaism and Jewish Biblical Studies
The University of Toledo

Monday, Oct. 9, 2017, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Recital Hall, Center for the Performing Arts
The University of Toledo, Main Campus

This lecture is free and open to the public, with a dessert reception following.

RSVPs are appreciated at cfriu.eventbrite.com.

For additional information, please visit cfriu.eventbrite.com or email cfriu@utoledo.edu.

This lecture is made possible by the generosity of the Philip Markowicz family and the College of Arts and Letters.



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Center for Religious Understanding

Open enrollment takes place this month; apply by Oct. 31

By Anna Brogan-Knight

Open enrollment time is here. The most significant news is that all coverage options from 2017 are still available for 2018, as well as another option for medical coverage, and additional dental and optical plans.

“The additions and changes to the 2018 benefit options reflect the work that we have been doing to address the rising cost of health care. The new options help us offer the best coverage options while minimizing financial impact to both the consumer and the University,” said Wendy Davis, associate vice president and chief human resources officer.

While most changes optimize access to quality care at reasonable prices, some updates reflect coverage eligibility changes due to state law or bargaining unit contracts.

GENERAL CHANGES TO COVERAGE ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENTS

- Currently, insurance premiums are paid via payroll deduction in 24 of the 26 pay periods per year. In 2018, premium payments will be spread over all 26 pay periods. Nine-month

faculty will pay over their 19 pay periods.

- Spousal coverage will continue to be provided consistent with recent changes to federal law broadening the definition of marriage. Domestic partners are covered only by existing agreements that specify coverage.
- Per state law, if your dependents ages 26-28 are currently covered by the benefit surcharge, they will retain coverage until the end of the month they turn 28.
 - > Dependents who turned 26 in 2017 will be covered until Dec. 31, 2017.

ABOUT THE PLANS

What’s the same? All plans available in 2017 are still offered for 2018. Some options have been added for a more customized fit.

What’s new?

- The options for health coverage include:
 - > The Gold Plan: new Medical Mutual of Ohio plan that mirrors the current FrontPath plan, with

an added, top tier for UTMC and University of Toledo physicians

- > The Silver Plan: carried by Paramount
- > The Blue Plan: consumer-driven health plan carried by Medical Mutual of Ohio
- > The Bronze Plan: carried by FrontPath
- The Gold Plan is a new option. Administered by Medical Mutual of Ohio, the Gold Plan offers the same plan and, in some cases, better coverage than the Bronze Plan, which is administered by FrontPath.
 - > Many physicians covered by the FrontPath plan participate in Medical Mutual. If you have the FrontPath plan, look into the Gold Plan for 2018. You will likely find that your physicians participate, and you may save some money.
- If you are covered by the Silver Plan carried by Paramount, know that if you utilize Mercy facilities you are no longer covered by an agreement that allows for in-network pricing. You will be charged the standard out-of-network fee.

- The Blue Plan (consumer-directed health plan carried by Medical Mutual of Ohio) now offers a health savings account of \$500 for individuals and \$1,000 for families. Employees will be able to earn \$300 (for individuals) or \$600 (for families) for completing wellness activities.
- In addition to the Delta Dental plan currently in place (now Gold Dental Plan), the Blue Dental Plan, also administered by Delta Dental, will be offered. This plan is ideal for people who have basic dental needs.
- Another vision plan has been added. The new Gold Vision Plan covers eye exams and has an annual frames and lenses benefit. The Blue Vision Plan (the current plan) offers eye exams and hardware coverage every 24 months.

Be sure to log in to myUT and elect your 2018 benefits before Tuesday, Oct. 31.

If you have any questions about your or your dependents’ eligibility, which plan is right for you, or how the outlined changes will affect you, please call 419.530.4747 or email benefits@utoledo.edu.



IMPORTANT: OPEN ENROLLMENT OCT. 1 – OCT. 31!

Review the insurance options offered to The University of Toledo employees at utoledo.edu/depts/hr/benefits.

UT OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2018 BENEFITS



Open enrollment for 2018 ends at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017. In an effort to ensure correct coverage, all employees must complete the open enrollment process. New dental and vision options are available for 2018, so all employees must review their options.

On Oct. 1, log into your *myUT* portal. Under *Benefits Information* on the left, click *2018 Open Enrollment* to start the process.

For more information or to speak to someone about your benefits, please visit utoledo.edu/depts/hr/benefits, call 419.530.4747 to make an appointment or email us at benefits@utoledo.edu.



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Join Faculty Senate for Homecoming activities

By Dr. Amy Thompson

One of Faculty Senate's goals is to increase faculty engagement on our campus and being a part of Homecoming is a great way to do so. So for the first time, Faculty Senate will be participating in this year's Homecoming festivities Saturday, Oct. 7, with UT students and alumni. All members of Faculty Senate and the faculty are invited to march in this year's parade and attend a pre-game tailgate to show their support for our University.

The day's festivities kick off at 8 a.m., so all UT faculty are encouraged to gather at 7 a.m. in Lot 12 near the Law Center to line up for the parade. Faculty who would like to participate are encouraged to show their UT spirit by wearing official Rocket gear, our colors midnight blue and gold, or clothing that reflects the Aloha Rockets theme for Homecoming. A limited number of Faculty Senate T-shirts also will be available.

Immediately following the parade at 9:30 a.m., Faculty Senate will host a tailgate tent in the Flatlands. Food and beverages will be provided.

We are excited for this opportunity and appreciate the continual support of the

University's administration. UT President Sharon L. Gaber and Provost Andrew Hsu are graciously co-sponsoring the events, which demonstrates a dedication to shared governance and continuing productive dialogue between the administration and our faculty.

I, along with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, look forward to this great opportunity to interact and get to know University faculty in a casual, fun atmosphere and also offer our support. Engaging University faculty across all campuses, by listening to their concerns, responding to their needs, and finding ways to best support our mission is our charge. Together is better.

I hope we have a great faculty turnout and a big Rocket win. Faculty Senate will see you at the game. Go Rockets!

Thompson is the president of Faculty Senate. She is professor of public health in the College of Health and Human Services and director of the UT Center for Health and Successful Living.

UT, TPS partner to enhance student leadership skills

By Christine Billau

The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation is partnering with the Toledo Public Schools Jones Leadership Academy to enhance student leadership skills through a new program called Young Executive Scholars.

Up to 15 students will meet once a month at business etiquette workshops presented by UT and community professionals on various business and leadership topics throughout the academic year starting Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Jones Leadership Academy.

"This new partnership referred to as YES will expose a select group of high school students to leadership skills, business etiquette aptitude, communication best practices and protocol, professional dress, and dining etiquette while allowing them the opportunity to network with UT faculty and staff," said Selina Griswold, UT associate professor of management. "This YES collaboration will help cultivate the academic potential of

high school juniors through powerful mentorship and the development of real-life business leadership skills."

"Since business etiquette is a sign of professionalism and respect for others, it will help these young leaders make positive first impressions while building trust in the workplace and other professional settings," Dr. Ward Barnett, Toledo Public Schools principal, said. "To prepare these young leaders for the world, they must learn to adhere to a well-understood code of etiquette."

When Barnett was an undergraduate student at the University, he was a mentee in Griswold's UT Mentorship Program that connected him with Toledo professionals who assisted him with achieving his academic goals.

"We know firsthand that these types of partnerships between professionals and students can produce significant results," Griswold said.

In memoriam

Tary Blair, Toledo, a student in the Social Work Program, died Sept. 25 at age 59.

Al Melis, Temperance, Mich., a longtime faculty member who retired from the Department of Art in 1999, died July 1 at age 87. He created UT's first ceremonial mace and presidential medallion, and he also made a gold coin for recipients of MCO's Glidden L. Brooks Award. Melis played an integral role in Toledo's glass art movement in the 1960s.

Mildred "Jean" Palmer, Toledo, who worked at UT from 1997 to 2002, died Sept. 17 at age 91.

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to more strategically engage in relevant research that matters,” said Dr. Christopher Ingersoll, dean of the UT College of Health and Human Services. “By combining forces and assembling teams of experts, we will be able to compete for the resources necessary to solve the population health problems in our region and throughout the state.”

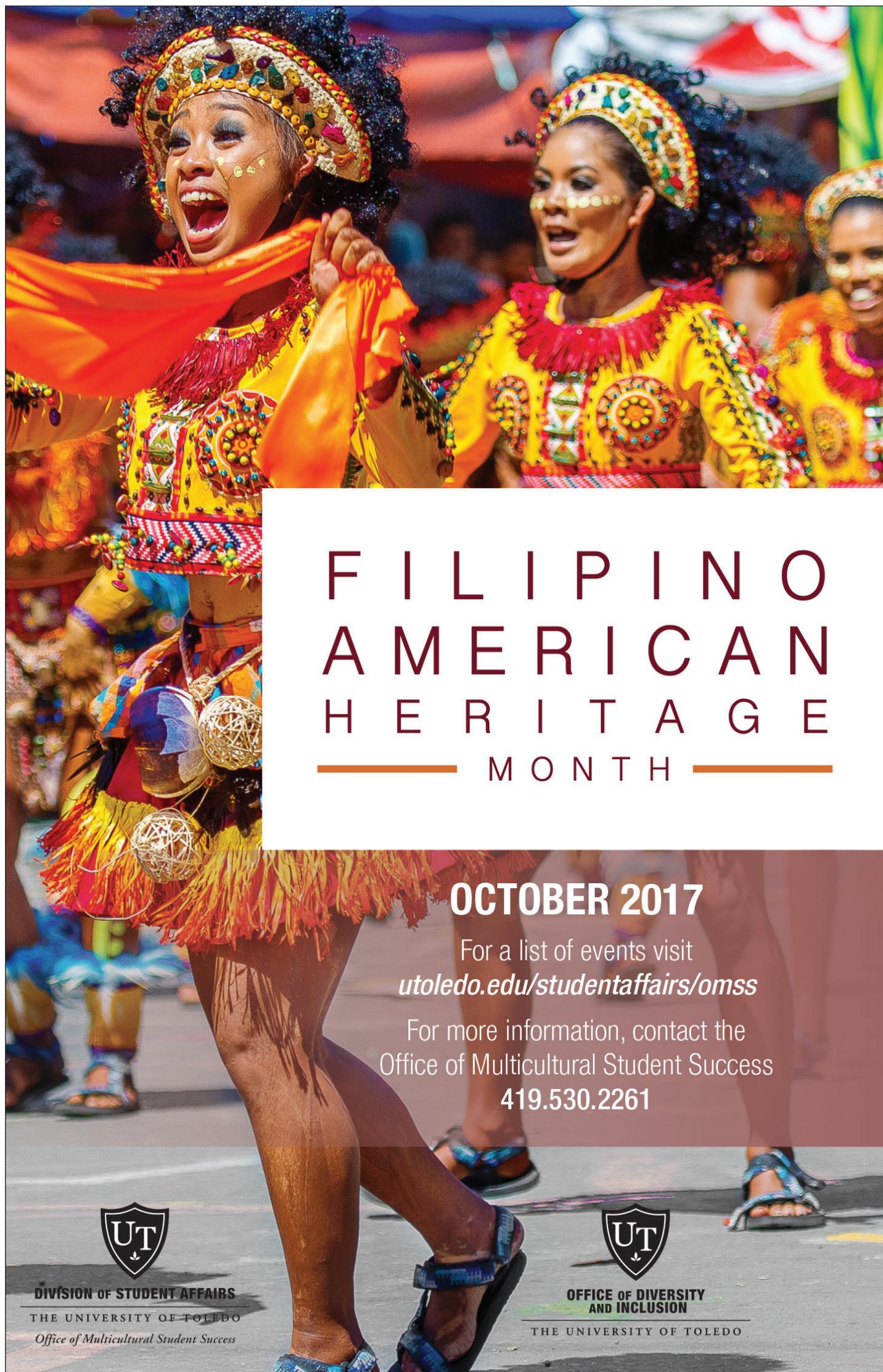
The Ohio Alliance for Innovation in Population Health will research the often-ignored root causes of health issues and will incorporate partner organizations as sources of content expertise to build on networks of strong community relationships to develop and test solutions. The goal of this work is to establish best practices for addressing critical population health issues.

Rick Hodges, former director of the Ohio Department of Health and UT alumnus, was named director of the alliance to identify and collaborate with partner organizations across the state.

“I’m looking forward to working with the many excellent programs that are already in place across the state,” Hodges said. “The alliance will serve as a collaborator, not a competitor.”

One area of interest to Hodges is health-care informatics, which is the study of resources and methods for the management of health information. According to Hodges, both the technology and the data currently exist to answer many public health questions, but they are not yet connected to each other. This type of information could lead to the creation of a variety of useful databases, such as a database showing space availability for drug treatment facilities in the state. While such a database exists to identify hospital bed availability, no comparable database exists for drug treatment facilities.

The alliance’s first initiative will revolve around opioid abuse and addiction in Perry County and other locations.



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UT to shine spotlight on LGBTQ History Month

The University of Toledo will celebrate LGBTQ History Month with several events this October.

The Office of Multicultural Student Success, LGBTQA+ Initiatives and Prism are dedicated to serving the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and allied students.

“The history and heritage months that come out of the Office of Multicultural Student Success allow for us to educate the greater campus on cultures and communities that students, faculty and staff may not have had a lot of exposure to, as well as support our students, faculty and staff on campus that belong to the cultures and communities that the months celebrate,” Danielle Stamper, interim program coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Student Success, said. “Similarly to other history and heritage months, LGBTQ History Month recognizes the historical marginalization and celebrates the persistence and resiliency of the LGBTQ community.”

Listed by date, events scheduled to increase awareness for LGBTQ History Month include:

- **Thursday, Oct. 5** — LGBTQ History Month Keynote Address: “Trans, Queer, Jewish and Fighting for Justice” by Stephanie Skora, 7 p.m., Thompson Student Union Room 2592. On her website, Skora identifies herself as a “speaker, activist, organizer, professional queer.” In 2011, she came out as a trans woman. She is a staff consultant for Brave Space Alliance, an African-American-led, trans-led LGBTQ community center in Chicago; chapter leader of the Jewish Voice for Peace in Chicago; and founding organizer of the Trans Liberation Collective, a Chicago organization open to all trans people.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 10** — Rane Arroyo Read-In, 6 p.m., Carlson Library Room 1005. Dr. Arroyo was a Distinguished University Professor of English who taught creative writing and literature at UT from 1997 until his death in 2010. The author of 10 poetry books, six chapbooks of poetry, a collection of short stories, and a collection of plays, Arroyo won several writing awards, including the Carl Sandburg Poetry Prize. Cash, check and credit card donations are welcome for this free, public event; funds raised will go toward establishing UT’s first LGBT scholarship.
- **Thursday, Oct. 12** — Prism Meeting: Coming Out, 8 p.m., Thompson Student Union Room 2591.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 18** — Dialogue on Diversity: LGBTQA+ History Through the Decades, 6 p.m., Thompson Student Union Room 2582. This event is sponsored by the UT Office of Diversity and Inclusion.
- **Thursday, Oct. 19** — Prism Drag and Talent Show, time and location to be announced.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 25** — Film Screening, “How to Survive a Plague,” 6 p.m., Thompson Student Union Trimble Lounge. The 2012 film nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature looks at how the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power and the Treatment Action Group pushed for medical treatment.
- **Friday, Oct. 27** — Prism Halloween Ball, time and location to be announced.

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