The University of Toledo has been named the recipient of the 2017-18 Mid-American Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award, the conference office announced last week.

For the past academic year, UT’s student-athletes posted a school-record grade point average of 3.266.

It is the fifth time in the last seven years the Rockets have won the award.

“Establishing the record for highest grade point average in school history and earning the MAC Institutional Academic Award is a wonderful achievement by our student-athletes,” said UT Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O’Brien. “I’m especially proud of the tradition of academic excellence that we have established at The University of Toledo. Earning the MAC Institutional Academic Award for the fifth time in the last seven years is an indication of the consistent effort and determination of our student-athletes to excel in the classroom.

“This honor is also shared by the coaches, classroom instructors and the Student Athletic Academic Services staff who all work so hard in mentoring and nurturing our student-athletes.”

The MAC Institutional Academic Achievement Award is presented annually to the conference school that achieves the highest overall GPA for student-athletes competing in institutionally sponsored sports for the academic year.

Two weeks ago, the Mid-American Conference recognized Toledo with the Faculty Athletics Representative Women’s Academic Achievement Award. The awards recognize the conference institution with the highest overall grade point average rank for men’s and women’s student-athletes.
President Sharon L. Gaber hosted Sundae on a Monday on the first day of classes. She met students and posed for photos. She is pictured here with, from left, Kane Eder, April Tobergte, Kira Fisher, Joe Fox and Lars Nadeau.

Autumn Farmer, left, and Mary Wolfe-Sharp filled out applications for student worker positions in the College of Nursing after talking with Dale Pelz Jr., academic adviser in the college, during the Student Involvement and Part-Time Job Fair. With threatening skies, the annual event was moved inside the Thompson Student Union last week.

UT cheerleaders performed during a pep rally in downtown Toledo Aug. 30. The event was one of many during Rocket Week to celebrate the start of the academic year and psych up for the first football game. Gathering at the rally were, from left, Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, UT Football Coach Jason Candle, UT President Sharon L. Gaber and Cindy Kerr, vice president of operations at ConnectToledo.
The Toledo City Council honored UT track and field and cross country runner Janelle Noe with a resolution Aug. 28 during its meeting. Councilwoman Sandy Spang, wearing the Toledo T-shirt, sponsored the motion to honor Noe with the resolution, which was passed unanimously. The resolution outlined Noe’s exceptional work in the classroom and as an athlete, while recognizing the adversity she has faced. Noe had a tremendous track and field season in 2018, clocking a time of 4:20.37 to clinch 11th overall in the 1,500-meters at the NCAA Championship Finals. She also set the Mid-American Conference record with a time of 4:10.83 in the 1,500-meters at the NCAA Championship Preliminary Rounds. She beat the MAC Championship Meet record by four seconds with a time of 4:17.01 in the 1,500-meters. Noe received Second-Team All-America Honors from the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association and was named a Distinguished Scholar Athlete by the MAC.

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Coach to chair NCAA Men’s Basketball Ethics Coalition

By Steve Easton

UT Men’s Basketball Coach Tod Kowalczyk has been selected to serve as the chair for the NCAA’s Division I Men’s Basketball Ethics Coalition.

The coalition, a collaborative effort between the NCAA and its member coaches, looks to promote ethical conduct through leadership, education and mentoring.

“Being named the chair of the Ethics Coalition is a great honor,” said Kowalczyk, who became a coalition member in 2013.

“I’m extremely proud to serve the coaching fraternity in this role. We talk among ourselves all the time about ways we can try to improve the ethical standards in college basketball. The last 12 months have obviously been a difficult time for our sport off the court, and hopefully we as a coalition can generate some positive impact for the game that’s been so good to us all.”

The Ethics Coalition is charged with identifying ethical issues facing NCAA Division I men’s basketball coaches and providing general guidance to coaches on possible ways to deal with those issues through educational and reference materials.

Joining Kowalczyk on the coalition are Jamie Dixon (TCU), Dwayne Killings (Marquette assistant), Dave Leitao (DePaul), Danny Manning (Wake Forest), Donnie Marsh (Florida Gulf Coast assistant), Fran McCaffery (Iowa), Vann Pettaway (former head coach), Jean Prioleau (San Jose State), Al Skinner (Kennesaw State), Wayne Tinkle (Oregon State), Mike Young (Wofford) and Jim Haney (National Association of Basketball Coaches).

Kowalczyk is entering his 17th season as a collegiate head coach and ninth at Toledo. He led the Rockets to a 23-11 record and a trip to the Mid-American Conference Championship Game last year. Kowalczyk has guided the Rockets to three 20-win campaigns in the last five years, marking the first time for this accomplishment since Bob Nichols recorded five straight seasons of 20-plus victories from 1976 to 1981.
Peace education scholar wins Fulbright grant to Colombia

By Christine Billau

A peace education scholar at The University of Toledo is heading to Latin America to support the society-wide effort to realize a 2016 peace deal that ended a 52-year civil war in Colombia between the government and the Armed Revolutionary Forces of Colombia, or FARC, among other militias.

Dr. Dale Snauwaert, professor of educational theory and peace studies in the UT Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership, was awarded a Fulbright Specialist Award and is spending Sept. 4-18 at the Institute for Bioethics at the Pontifica Universidad Javeriana in Bogota to study and give lectures and workshops on moral theory, environmental ethics and peace education.

“It will take a generation or two to socially, economically and politically integrate generations of ex-militants into Colombian society,” Snauwaert said. “One of the keys to the success of the peace process, therefore, is peace education.”

The lectures and discussion forums are open to the public, including faculty and students at Pontifica Universidad Javeriana and government officials.

“At this critical stage in the Colombian peace process, an understanding of the philosophy and practice of justice and peace building among the citizenry is essential for its success,” Snauwaert said. “The project will open the institution to an ongoing dialogue regarding peace and justice as well as the recognition of the inclusion of peace and justice studies as a civic responsibility of the university.”

“This is an outstanding award, and Dale is certainly worthy of it. His work in peace education is well-known and respected,” Dr. Raymond Witte, dean of the UT Judith Herb College of Education, said. “A Fulbright recognition is at the highest level, and this speaks directly to the quality of Dale’s work as well as the support from the Judith Herb College of Education and the University at large.”

Peace studies is an interdisciplinary field of study and a learning process designed to develop the capacity of democratic citizens to critically understand and transform all forms of violence and the patterns of thought that justify them, and to envision and pursue a just and peaceful world.

“The primary elements of peace studies focus on the causes that give rise to and sustain violence, approaches to resolving violent conflict, and the articulation and defense of ethical and political principles and values that define the normative conditions of peace, including theories of justice, both ideal and non-ideal,” Snauwaert said.

UT offers an undergraduate minor in peace and justice studies and oversees the Betty A. Reardon Archives, which is housed in the University’s Canaday Center for Special Collections. The collection consists of Reardon’s extensive publications, unpublished manuscripts, curriculum, reports, scholarly presentations, and correspondence from the 1960s to the present about peace studies. The archives of the world-renowned champion of peace education and 2013 nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize have been in the Canaday Center since 2009.

UT faculty member wins second Blackboard Catalyst Award

By Marla Gootee

Dr. Claire Stuve was among honorees from around the world who were recognized during Blackboard’s annual conference this summer in Orlando, Fla.

It was the second year in a row the curriculum developer and technology researcher for University College won a Blackboard Catalyst Award.

Stuve was honored in the category of exemplary course, which recognizes faculty and course designers who develop exciting and innovative classes that represent the very best in technology and learning.

Since its establishment in 2005, the Blackboard Catalyst Awards have honored innovation and excellence in the Blackboard global community of practice.

Recipients of the awards are selected by a cross-functional team of Blackboard experts.

The awards program honors clients who have gone above and beyond in using technology in innovative ways from impacting the student experience to building exemplary courses.

Since 2011, Stuve has been a staff member and an adjunct professor in University College; she joined the Department of Mathematics and Statistics as an adjunct in 2016.

Her responsibilities as curriculum developer and technology researcher in University College include creating a research-based curriculum that incorporates emerging technologies and evaluating data on new and redeveloped courses.

Her research interests include using technology to foster engagement and applying the principles of good course design.

“I love technology and the impact it can have on learning,” Stuve said. “So I’m interested in finding out what technologies have the biggest impact, how I can help students learn better and increase retention, and how I can help students have fun.”

She is also a campus liaison for New Media Consortium and a Quality Matters Certified Master Reviewer. And she is a master’s student in UT’s Public Health Program. The UT alumna received a bachelor’s degree in physics, a master’s degree in instructional technology, and a doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction.

The course she is being recognized for this year by the Catalyst Awards is called Blackboard Collaborate Ultra Training, which is designed to teach faculty how to use Blackboard Collaborate Ultra with students and how to incorporate it into their curriculum.

As an undergraduate student, Stuve struggled with her work, motivating her to help future students who may be struggling become successful while also teaching faculty how to ensure their students’ success.

“Part of helping students be successful is helping faculty be better teachers and know themselves how to help struggling students,” she said. “Therefore, I wanted to design a course where I could teach faculty how to use innovative and fun technology to help students.”

The training course utilizes innovative technology through advanced multimedia, simulations and web conferencing, and was the first course of its kind offered at UT that incorporated training simulations.

Stuve explained how she recognizes every student is different and learns differently, so she tries to incorporate numerous teaching methods that present content in multiple ways. She also makes it her mission to ensure students are having fun when they’re learning.

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UT engineer awarded nearly $400,000 to make 2D materials using high-pressure gases

By Christine Billau

Two-dimensional, or 2D, layered materials are expected to be next-generation building blocks for electronics and batteries, as well as aerospace, automotive and health-care equipment.

The National Science Foundation awarded an engineer at The University of Toledo a three-year, nearly $400,000 grant to refine his newly developed method to continuously and rapidly produce 2D-layered materials using high-pressure gases, into a means for mass production with the potential to transform U.S. manufacturing.

One example of a two-dimensional material is graphene, a flat form of carbon that is strong, lightweight, and electrically and thermally conductive with a high surface area. The material is about 50,000 times thinner than a human hair.

Dr. Reza Rizvi, assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering and the project’s principal investigator, said the main challenge is the high cost of production.

“Our process called compressible flow exfoliation is capable of continuously producing quality 2D-layered nanomaterials using a supersonic flow of high-pressure gases in just a fraction of a second. Comparable processes take minutes, hours or even days,” Rizvi said. “Using this grant, we will investigate the fundamental mechanisms and process issues, and we will devise strategies for scaling the process to industrial production so that we can take this process out of the lab and into the factory.”

According to the NSF grant, “The results of this work advances the nation’s prosperity and security by boosting competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing efforts on the international stage and promoting broader adoption of two-dimensional materials into next-generation nanotechnology-enabled products.”

Rizvi’s research was recently published in the scientific journal Advanced Materials.

United Way coming to campus for service fair Sept. 5

The University of Toledo will welcome United Way funded partners to campus Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Centennial Mall for a service fair.

The event will give students, faculty and staff an opportunity to learn more about the needs of the community and how they can get involved and give back.

As part of the community engagement initiative, the University is updating processes to better track the activities of students, staff and faculty to measure the impact UT has on the area.

“We are proud of the roughly 40,000 hours of service our students gave back in 2017-18,” Margie Traband, senior director of community engagement, said. “We hope that by bringing the United Way funded partners to campus and showcasing their volunteer opportunities, more Rockets will go out in the community and make a difference.”

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to visit the fair to learn more about local charitable organizations that may need their help.

WXUT will provide the music at the event, and local food trucks — including Beastro Burger; The Leaf and Seed; The Displaced Chef; and Deet’s BBQ — will roll up.
For the second time in two years, The University of Toledo’s social media content has gained national recognition.

The University’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts were compared against all 338 Division I programs, and UT was ranked 14th for its consistent engagement of social media users.

Rival IQ out of Seattle gathered data from Division I institutions from June 2017 to May 2018. The firm compared data from Facebook, Twitter and Instagram while looking for strong performance in user engagement.

Engagement is a measurable action of a social media post, including likes, comments, shares, retweets and reactions.

Top ranked universities had the highest rates of engagement.

“We’ve been analyzing the content we post to perform better online, spreading UT’s message far and wide,” said Cam Norton, associate director for social media. “I’ve had a great team in place for the past few years that helps to create the content we share daily.”

Posts that performed best featured University research, student-life, athletics and Internet memes.

UT has more than 56,000 followers on Facebook (facebook.com/utoledo), more than 63,000 people follow @UToledo on Twitter, and there are more than 14,000 followers of the uoftoledo Instagram account.

NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT: UT’s social media team — Natalie Watson, junior social media specialist, left, Cam Norton, associate director for social media, and Claudia Garber, a senior studying communication who is a social media intern — taped a video in University Hall’s courtyards. The team ranked No. 14 among 338 Division I programs for its social media efforts on the University’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts, according to Rival IQ.

Jump!

The men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Epsilon Alpha Chapter performed during the recent Jam Session in front of the Thompson Student Union. The Aug. 27 event featured a step show by members of the UT Greek community.

Sweet ride

Jocelyn Szymanski, wellness administrator for Rocket Wellness, rewarded Noah Grisez with some treats for answering a health-related question last week during a Candy Cab ride across campus. Modeled after “Cash Cab,” students scored a free ride on campus and had a chance to win prizes by answering health and safety questions. Members of the UT Police Department, UT Medical Center, Title IX Office and Rocket Wellness manned the golf carts.
The University of Toledo’s Army ROTC Program will host the Run to Remember, a 5K run and walk on Main Campus, Tuesday, Sept. 11.

“The goal of this event is to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice on that day and have people show their support and donate to a good cause,” said Master Sgt. Johnnie Fields, UT senior military instructor and commandant of cadets.

Although the event is free, a $5 donation is recommended from participants. Funds raised will go to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum.

“It’s important to come together to remember,” Fields said. “Bringing together the UT and Toledo communities makes us all stronger.”

The race will take place on the UT track by the Health Education Center. Free parking will be available in lots 1S, 5 and 6.

To register for the race, visit utmemorial5k.myevent.com or stop by the event table Sept. 11.

Registration and T-shirt pickup will begin at 6:30 a.m. The opening ceremony will start at 7 a.m., with the race and walk at 7:15 a.m.

A moment of silence with chimes from University Hall’s bell tower will occur at 8:46 a.m., the time when the attacks began in 2001.

In addition, there will be a closing ceremony.

“We are planning to make this an annual event,” Fields said. “It’s important that we never forget.”

For more information, contact Fields at johnnie.fields@utoledo.edu or 620.757.5238.
Fellows selected for MAC Leadership Program

Three UT faculty members have been named fellows to participate in the second year of the new Mid-American Conference Academic Leadership Development Program.

The program was created to identify, develop, prepare and advance faculty as leaders in the colleges and universities that are members of the Mid-American Conference. Fellows participating in the program have the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and experience by working closely with select administrators from other colleges and universities in the MAC.

Dr. Andrew Hsu, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, said, “Leadership development is an important part of faculty professional development and faculty success, and The University of Toledo is committed to providing these exceptional leadership opportunities for our faculty.”

Fellows for the 2018-19 academic year are:
- Dr. Cyndee Gruden, interim dean of the College of Graduate Studies, and professor of civil and environmental engineering;
- Dr. Jason Huntley, associate professor of medical microbiology and immunology; and
- Dr. Kristen Keith, associate professor of economics, assistant to the executive vice president for finance and administration/chief financial officer, and faculty associate.

Last year, two UT faculty members participated in the inaugural year of the MAC Academic Leadership Development Program: Holly Monsos, professor of theatre and associate dean of the College of Arts and Letters, and Dr. Amy Thompson, professor of public health and interim associate vice provost for faculty affairs.

All tenured faculty with experience in administrative leadership and service were eligible to apply for the MAC Academic Leadership Development Program. Candidates needed to submit a letter of support from their dean, as well as an application and curriculum vitae for consideration.

“Our fellows will participate in a development program with UT leaders to gain valuable insight and experience,” Hsu said. “In addition, they will work with administrators and peers from MAC member institutions to better understand how universities operate.”

All MAC Academic Leadership Development Program fellows will attend one three-day workshop each semester. Topics to be addressed include budgeting, conflict resolution, accreditation and accountability.

“Thanks to this program, our fellows will see firsthand the challenges and rewards of institutional service as they prepare for potential leadership positions,” Hsu said. “This is an excellent opportunity to advance academic leadership among our faculty at UT.”

Read more about the MAC Academic Leadership Development Program at utoledo.edu/offices/provost/MAC-ALDP.html.

Spirited celebration

President Sharon L. Gaber and Dr. Christopher Cooper, dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, and executive vice president for clinical affairs, chatted with medical students Aug. 29 at the Rocket Week Barbecue on Health Science Campus. Medical students Cameron Marcus, left, and Alex Edwards played cornhole during the event, which was part of the weeklong celebration for the beginning of the school year and to get ready for the start of the football season. The barbecue was sponsored by UT Medical Center/UT Physicians, and the colleges of Medicine and Life Sciences, Nursing and Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.
Review tips for riding TARTA

Now that the new academic year has commenced, students, faculty and staff are reminded that they may ride TARTA vehicles, on and off campus, by simply showing their Rocket ID card.

Campus route maps for the Blue loop, Gold loop, Scott Park, Route 3 and Route 28 are located at tarta.com/utoledo.

To conveniently locate TARTA vehicles when you need a ride, download the free PassioGo! app on your smartphone; the app tracks both on- and off-campus routes in real time. The app may be located at PassioGo.com, or downloaded via Google Play or the Apple app store.

On Main Campus, the Blue loop travels clockwise, and the Gold loop travels counterclockwise. The Scott Park bus travels back and forth between the UT Transportation Center and Scott Park Campus; Route 3 travels to Franklin Park Mall, the Flats and Health Science Campus; and Route 28 travels to the Toledo Museum of Art and downtown.

On campus, riders can board and get off the Gold and Blue loop at any bus stop, as well as at approved stop signs along the route.

The Scott Park route will pick up and drop off passengers at the Transportation Center and Scott Park Monday through Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, the Scott Park route will service Thompson Student Union, the Transportation Center, Palmer Hall, the Flats and Scott Park. The Sunday evening shuttle will service Thompson Student Union, the Transportation Center and Scott Park.

Be sure to review the UT-TARTA Codes of Conduct — see below.

For a complete schedule of buses and more information, visit tarta.com/utoledo or call 419.243.RIDE (7433).

UT-TARTA Passenger Code of Conduct

Students are reminded that they must abide by all applicable laws while riding a TARTA vehicle on or off campus.

Conduct sanctions may be imposed based on a passenger’s behavior. Non-academic student misconduct is outlined in UT Policy #3364-30-04, the Student Code of Conduct, which can be found at utoledo.edu/policies/main_campus/student_life/pdfs/3364_30_04_Student_code_of_conduct.pdf.

Passengers may be denied service if they are in violation of the TARTA Code of Conduct and are warned twice by the coach operator to refrain from an inappropriate behavior. If the passenger continues the behavior, he or she will be asked to depart the bus at the next available bus stop.

Being banned from service occurs when a passenger has multiple violations of the TARTA Code of Conduct or jeopardizes the safety of the coach operator or any of the passengers. A banning most often is administered after there is a confirmed threat or assault of an operator or passenger. The determination of banning and the length of the ban comes from the TARTA office. The passenger is afforded the right to appeal through a formal request.

TARTA prohibits the following behavior:

- Yelling, screaming, singing, playing musical instruments, or use of any other sound amplification devices (without headsets), including cell phone ringtones.
- Smoking, eating, drinking (except for an unopened container or a container with a lockable lid), roller skating, skateboarding or bicycling.
- Being accompanied by an animal, insect or reptile, except for a service animal.
- Engaging in profanity, bullying or harassment, sexual/racial slurs or gestures, threatening or offensive language, and public displays of affection.
- Occupying elderly/disabled seating, or ignoring the request of any TARTA employee.
- Interfering, in any manner, with the safe operation or movement of any TARTA vehicle.
- Being a hindrance to or preventing the movement of persons on any TARTA vehicle or any TARTA property, causing interference with the rights of others.
- Soliciting, panhandling, begging or loitering.
- Engaging in, or publicly displaying offensive or pornographic materials or media.
- Possessing alcohol or illegal drugs on/in a TARTA vehicle or station, except for lawfully possessed and unopened alcoholic beverages.

Downtown Connect launches

Last week, The University of Toledo launched Downtown Connect, a late-night bus service through TARTA for students, faculty and staff traveling downtown on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

The route will leave from Gateway Plaza beginning at 11 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 8 p.m. on Saturdays, with the final pickup from downtown at 2:35 a.m. The bus will arrive at Gateway Plaza on the hour for pickup.

The late-night route will include stops in the Warehouse District, Promenade Park and the Uptown District.

Return stops will be at apartment complexes near campus, with the final stop at Gateway Plaza.

This service provides students the opportunity to explore and enjoy restaurants, concerts, games and special events going on in downtown Toledo.

Check out the routes at utoledo.edu/parkingservices/late-night-bus-services/downtown-connect.html.

And learn more about Downtown Connect at utoledo.edu/parkingservices/late-night-bus-services.

Centennial Mall parking restricted

To provide a safer, cleaner and more accessible environment, Centennial Mall is closed to vehicle traffic without a special limited-access permit.

The University of Toledo Police Department, emergency vehicles and paratransit, as well as essential service vehicles, will continue to have access to Centennial Mall.

To assist with necessary deliveries to various buildings that require access from the mall area, the University will provide service vehicle parking spaces adjacent to the mall and 30-minute parking in front of each gate area for marked University, vendor and contractor vehicles, as well as employee service vehicles that display a loading zone permit.

All University vehicles used or operated by faculty, staff or students must be parked in approved spaces; parking restrictions and prohibitions will apply in all instances, and assigned drivers will be responsible for any tickets issued through their department, as described in the parking policy. University maintenance and service vehicles may park in appropriate service areas.

Personal vehicles that are used for University work purposes must be parked in approved spaces and follow all parking and traffic regulations.

Please refer to the vehicle traffic and parking procedures for additional information; it can be found at utoledo.edu/policies/administration/police/pdfs/3364-61-01.01.pdf.
New IT tools available for students, OneDrive to replace H drive

The University of Toledo’s Information Technology Department is upgrading services to enhance the student experience. Many new and improved tools are now available, as UT is moving students away from the H drive personal network file storage to Microsoft OneDrive cloud storage.

Students also have access to other products in Microsoft’s Office 365 Suite, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote.

“All returning students are encouraged to move any files stored on their H drive to OneDrive as soon as possible,” said Dominic D’Emilio, senior director for network services and technology support. “On Aug. 18, all existing students had their H drive access changed to read-only, and by Dec. 17, all student H drives will be removed permanently.”

The benefits of OneDrive include additional storage space (1 terabyte, increased from 512 megabytes), and the ability to access files from anywhere on any device, share files with others, and collaborate on Office documents at the same time. Additionally, OneDrive is secured and encrypted.

“With the decommissioning of student H drives, be sure to know where you are saving files,” D’Emilio said. Other tips from IT include:

- When using a University workstation, save documents to your OneDrive account.
- Scan documents to your email account using the Ricoh or Xerox printers on campus.
- To log in to Office 365 to use OneDrive and other tools, visit office365.utoledo.edu. For more information about Office 365 OneDrive and H Drive, visit utoledo.edu/it/office365.
- “Our ultimate goal is to help every student succeed by offering state-of-the-art services, easy access to their files, and plenty of storage space,” D’Emilio said. “We also encourage students to reach out for help; we’re here for them whenever they need technology support.”
- “This initiative is yet another example of our strategy to utilize cloud technology to enable a high-performance environment for our students,” said Bill McCready, vice president and chief information and technology officer in the Division of Technology and Advanced Solutions.
- If you have questions or encounter any computer, software or storage issues, contact the IT Help Desk at 419.530.2400 on Main Campus or 419.383.2400 on Health Science Campus. Students also may visit Information Commons in Carlson Library on Main Campus or Information Technology in Dowling Hall Room 0025 on Health Science Campus.

Nominations, applications to be accepted for second Staff Leadership Development cohort

Beginning Monday, Sept. 17, through Monday, Oct. 1, nominations and applications for the second cohort of UT’s Staff Leadership Development Program will be accepted.

To be eligible for consideration, staff members must have at least two years of UT service.

During the 2017-18 academic year, the new leadership development program was launched for UT staff members in direct response to feedback received during the University’s strategic planning process. Its first cohort of 22 individuals will graduate Thursday, Nov. 8.

“I’m proud that the University offers the Staff Leadership Development Program for emerging leaders — it’s a great investment in their — and our — future,” said President Sharon L. Gaber. “The program not only strengthens cross-campus networking and provides select candidates the opportunity to learn from current higher education leaders, but also helps us to ensure the continuity of UT’s future leadership.”

“The program is specifically designed to develop high-potential leaders so they can grow in their existing positions at UT, and then assume leadership roles here,” noted Wendy Davis, associate vice president and chief human resources officer. “It provides a formal path for career development while improving participants’ leadership skills.”

The one-year program is composed of complimentary courses, lectures, assessments and experiential learning. Courses are facilitated by UT senior leaders and subject matter experts on specific topics.

“A diverse cohort of approximately 20 selected participants attend program sessions each month for minimally two or three hours, from October 2018 through October 2019,” explained Carrie Herr, director for the Center for Continuous Improvement, who oversees the program. “And while no courses are held during July and August, participants are required to complete summer reading assignments and submit a capstone project in October 2019.”

Employees may apply for the program by completing the application form, or deans, vice presidents and other senior leaders may recommend an emerging leader by submitting a nomination form on their behalf. (Please avoid duplications.) Forms are available on the Human Resources website at utoledo.edu/depts/hr.

A multidisciplinary selection committee will review all forms, and individuals selected for the second cohort of UT’s Staff Leadership Development Program will be contacted no later than Tuesday, Oct. 16.
Slice it up: New pizza eatery to open

By Marla Gootee

The University of Toledo is getting a new dining option in the Thompson Student Union this semester. Oath Pizza will open soon.

Founded in 2015 in Nantucket, Mass., Oath Pizza has become a popular destination for pizza lovers in Boston, New York City and Washington, D.C.

Its newly established partnership with Aramark, one of the largest food service providers in the country, will allow Oath Pizza to serve students products made without hormones, artificial preservatives or antibiotics.

“UT Dining continuously strives to offer options to the University community that are fresh, innovative and exciting,” said Gary Casteel, resident district manager for Aramark. “Whether it be through the all-you-can-eat dining halls or through a robust mix of retail offerings composed of national brands and local concepts, we strive to ensure we meet the demands of our diverse clientele.”

UT is among the first universities to open an Oath Pizza on campus this year along with Auburn University, University of Minnesota, University of South Carolina, Campbell University, and La Salle University, according to Casteel.

Oath is the only pizza restaurant to receive Humane Farm Animal Care’s certified humane seal of approval. And it supports its employees, guests and the local neighborhoods by donating a portion of proceeds from its restaurants to hyperlocal causes and organizations.

The restaurant serves up a variety of specialty pizzas: Check out the menu at http://oathpizza.com/menu. The UT location will carry most pies except the breakfast pizza.

“Whether we are students studying for an exam, professionals preparing for a big presentation, or recovering from surgery, our eating habits directly impact the energy and focus needed to reach our everyday goals,” Casteel said. “Discovering and
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