Environmental sciences professor honored as Fellow

By Feliza Casano

Dr. Jiquan Chen, Distinguished University Professor of Environmental Sciences, was named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world’s largest general scientific society.

Chen, the first UT faculty member to be honored as an AAAS Fellow, is being recognized for his work related to climate change and research in the areas of landscape ecology and ecosystem sciences.

“I’m honored,” Chen said. “The fellowship is a recognition of an individual scientist for achievement and represents a significant contribution to a specific field.”

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UT, community members asked to ‘Stand!’ for MLK event

By Vicki L. Kroll

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.
— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Equality. Unconditional love. Respect. Faith. Peace. These are a few things that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood for and believed in.

The iconic activist will be remembered at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Celebration.

“Stand!” is the theme of the 11th annual event, which will take place Monday, Jan. 16, at 9 a.m. in Savage Arena. The program will be carried live on FOX Toledo 36.

Offering words of inspiration will be UT President Lloyd Jacobs, Toledo Mayor Mike Bell, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur and area students.

Hari Jones, curator of the African-American Civil War Museum, will give the keynote address.

The Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir and a choir featuring area youth will give performances. The 2011 MLK Scholarship recipients also will be recognized.

A free community luncheon will follow the ceremony.

“It is appropriate for community and elected leaders, as well as representatives from religious, business, educational, social, youth, international and community organizations, to stand united at this special event,” Jacobs said. “It is a time to come together to reflect and look to a brighter future of unity and service.”

“Each year this program evolves a little more and demonstrates to the community, through Dr. King’s teachings from the past, the importance of collaboration and cooperation in order to move us forward,” Bell said. “Together, with our partners at The University of Toledo, we will continue to work for the ideals he fought for—unity, social justice, education and peace.”

All attendees of the Unity Celebration, which is open to the public, are asked to bring a canned good.
According to the letter from the association, Chen will be “honored for distinguished contributions to advancing ecosystem-to-landscape ecology, particularly to the field of edge effects and carbon-water cycling under changing climate and human influences.”

The American Association for the Advancement of Science was founded in 1848 and serves about 10 million individuals around the world. Current Fellows anonymously nominate other professionals in their fields.

The University of Toledo joins Ohio State University, Ohio University, Kent State and Oberlin College as institutions in the state that have AAAS Fellows.

“This is a high honor for Dr. Chen that recognizes the outstanding contributions he has made in his field,” said Dr. Karen Bjorkman, dean of the UT College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. “Dr. Chen’s achievement is another indication of the ever-increasing quality of faculty we have here at The University of Toledo. I congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition, and I am confident he will represent the University well as an AAAS Fellow.”

Chen, who noted the AAAS Fellowship is one of the most prestigious programs in his field, agreed the award reflects on the quality of the faculty and degree programs at the University.

“I encourage my colleagues to aim high for this award and similar programs,” Chen said. “UT has many excellent faculty members, and we should cultivate a culture of pursuing fellowships and other awards to benefit our community and educational environment.”

Chen will be inducted as a new AAAS Fellow for 2011-12 at a Feb. 18 ceremony in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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that will be donated to the MLK Kitchen for the Poor, 650 Vance St. in downtown Toledo.

The event is being organized by Unity Day committee co-chairs Dr. Shanda Gore, UT assistant vice president for equity and diversity, and Bill Stewart, special assistant to the mayor, and is hosted by the city of Toledo, the Board of Community Relations Inc. and the University.

For more information, contact Stewart at 419.245.1154 or the UT Office of Special Events at 419.530.2200.

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Toledo Mayor Michael Bell returned to his alma mater to address more than 2,200 candidates for degrees from summer and fall semesters.

Kirsten Skeens carried the mace at commencement in December. She was selected to be grand marshal, a role her grandmother, Dr. Alice Skeens, former dean of the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences, held for a decade. Dr. Skeens passed away Nov. 12 at age 75.

Jyothirmee Vaddhireddy was all smiles after receiving a master of science degree in electrical engineering.
MLK Unity Week events to bring students together

“Reaching the Promised Land Together” is the theme of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Week, Jan. 11-18.

Several events are slated to celebrate the teachings of the noted civil rights leader.

“We want students to come together to remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and all that he stood for,” said Jeff Witt, assistant dean of students and the director of the Office of Student Involvement. “We want to encourage the students to take the time to give back to the community.”

Volunteer opportunities for students include setting up for the MLK Unity Celebration Sunday, Jan. 15, and helping at the event Monday, Jan. 16. Drop-off boxes on UT campuses for food donations for the MLK Kitchen for the Poor also need to be collected Friday, Jan. 13.

In addition, events to bring students together are scheduled. Listed by date, they are:

• Wednesday, Jan. 11 — Student Organization Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union Tom Trimble Lounge. Students can meet peers with similar interests and get involved on campus.

• Thursday, Jan. 12 — Unity Vigil, noon to 1 p.m., Student Union T-Section. Dr. Shanda Gore, UT assistant vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement, will speak, and the Student African-American Brotherhood will participate.

• Friday and Saturday, Jan. 13 and 14 — Student Organization Lock-In, 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., Student Union. Teams will face off in a marathon session of games.

• Saturday, Jan. 14 — United We Dance, noon to 1:30 p.m., Student Recreation Center. Join this group exercise class that blends various dance styles.

• Monday, Jan. 16 — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Celebration, 9 a.m., Savage Arena. “Stand!” is the theme of the 11th annual event, which will feature speakers, including UT President Lloyd Jacobs, Toledo Mayor Mike Bell and Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur.

• Wednesday, Jan. 18 — Give Back Gala, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Learn about local volunteer opportunities.

For more information on these events or to sign up to volunteer, contact Witt at 419.530.3701 or jeffery.witt@utoledo.edu.

Last call for donations to Stand Up Against Hunger Food Drive

By Feliza Casano

Students, faculty and staff have one more week to contribute to the Stand Up Against Hunger Food Drive to benefit the MLK Kitchen for the Poor in downtown Toledo.

“So far, we’re doing great. Our goal is to collect as much food as possible for the kitchen because it feeds more than 200 Toledoans every day,” said Emily Hardcastle, interim community outreach coordinator in the UT Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement. “This is a community-wide collection in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We want to make a difference here in Toledo.”

All nonperishable food items will be accepted. Collection boxes can be found in various locations on Main Campus, Health Science Campus and Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation.

Donations also are being stored at the main collection area, Student Union Room 1507, with the goal to fill that space as much as possible.

The collection drive will conclude Monday, Jan. 16, at the MLK Unity Celebration in Savage Arena. Those attending the free, public event are encouraged to bring a canned good.

The food drive is organized by the UT Culture Ambassadors, the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement, and the Office of Student Involvement.
As spring semester begins, UT enters a home stretch of sorts in a process toward continued accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

A team from member institutions of the commission will meet with members of the campus community during an on-site comprehensive visit Feb. 27-29. The visit serves as a finish line in a process that has included intense self-examination and the publication of a 372-page self-study, available at www.utoledo.edu/accreditation/pdf/selfstudy.pdf.

Those involved with UT’s self-study believe the process will both illustrate and reinforce its focus on quality, continuous improvement and progress.

The Higher Learning Commission will evaluate UT using five key criteria: Mission and Integrity; Planning for the Future; Student Learning and Effective Teaching; Acquisition, Discovery and Application of Knowledge; and Engagement and Service.

Dr. Charles Blatz, professor in the Department of Philosophy, is the team leader for Criterion One: Mission and Integrity.

The challenge for this criterion, he said, has been for UT to make clear the many ways its mission, vision and values are at work in its day-to-day activities.

“Our mission is more than just words,” Blatz said. “It captures who we are and what we are engaged in. It’s not just a name on the back of a T-shirt; it’s what we practice and aspire to as an institution.”

UT took on a larger presence Jan. 8, 2007, when the Board of Trustees approved the mission statement for the recently merged Medical University of Ohio and The University of Toledo. Since then, the mission, vision and value statements have been sprinkled generously throughout the fabric and face of UT.

“If you walk inside the Memorial Field House, you’ll see our mission displayed on the wall,” Blatz said. “It’s on the reverse side of our business cards, posted prominently on our website, listed in our student literature. Basically, it’s out there clearly for all of our communities.”

For example, the report notes that UT’s goal of supporting diversity while nurturing the successes of students, employees and faculty has yielded programs such as the President’s Council on Diversity, the Culture Ambassadors, the Blue and Gold Scholarship Program, and the Minority Business Development Center.

The self-study also relates the University mission and UT’s Directions 2011 strategic plan. Blatz said it shows the appropriateness of UT stressing innovation and excellence in teaching, research and engagement tied to the scientific and technical needs of our community, as well as to cultural, humanistic and social scientific interests. UT’s distinction as home to several state of Ohio centers for excellence in research also is documented.

Blatz noted that the complexities of operating a world-class university and medical center boil down to a common focus.

“We are an incredibly active, dynamic university with many goals and endeavors,” he said. “But within this dynamic culture, we’re still a growing, working unit, a single university. Everyone is striving in a coherent and common direction toward improving the human condition, in one way or another.”

Blatz’s colleagues on the Criterion One team are Dr. Defne Apul, Dr. Jeanne Brockmyer, Dr. Walter Edinger, Barbara Floyd, Dr. David Guip, Dr. Wayne Hoss, Dr. Saleh Jabarin, Susan Palmer, Dr. Carter Wilson and Dr. Bryan Yamamoto.

Focus on Criterion 1
Mission and Integrity:
The organization operates with integrity to ensure the fulfillment of its mission through structures and processes that involve the board, administration, faculty, staff and students.

UT’s mission statement:
The mission of The University of Toledo is to improve the human condition; to advance knowledge through excellence in learning, discovery and engagement; and to serve as a diverse, student-centered public metropolitan research university.
Alumnus to share ground’s-eye view of Afghanistan at lecture

By Cynthia Nowak

When Jeff Crowther makes his daily job commute, it’s in the company of armed bodyguards. To reach the people he serves, he travels through the mountains north of Kandahar, Afghanistan, Taliban territory, in fact.

An employee of the U.S. State Department, Crowther is a senior rule-of-law adviser embedded with a multinational force of Australians, Dutch and Americans — so the stories he can share are anything but fodder for an episode of “The Office.”

Students, faculty and staff are invited to hear Crowther, a 1976 graduate of the former University College and 1981 alumnus of the UT College of Law, share some of his experiences and insights at a special lecture, “Restoring the Rule of Law in Afghanistan,” co-sponsored by the colleges of Law and Adult and Lifelong Learning.

He will give the free, public lecture Thursday, Jan. 12, at 1 p.m. in the Law Center Auditorium.

Crowther works as part of a provincial reconstruction team, using his legal expertise to help re-establish the representative form of government that was validated by Afghan elections in 2010.

“The Taliban and other warlords continue to challenge that government through armed conflict,” he explained. “As the NATO forces clear out an area once occupied by insurgent forces, we come in behind them to reconstruct civil governance and public services.”

His efforts keep him in Afghanistan’s rural interior, removed both geographically and politically from the nation’s central government. He mentors and advises individual police, prosecutors and judges as well as their administrative branches.

Before his posting, he intensively researched the people of the region, particularly the Pashtuns and their code of honor known as Pastunwali, one part of which is the council — called jirga — organized by the Pashtuns on the village and regional levels.

“So yours is not the only court in operation,” Crowther said. “Constant dispute resolution is taking place the old-fashioned way just three or four miles outside town, where the tribal elders are getting together. Part of what I do is make a record of the jirga decisions, connecting the informal to the formal.”

As well as giving his lecture, Crowther will visit an ROTC classroom and attend a reception at the UT Military Service Center in the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning.

Beth Gerasimiak, director of Educational and Lifelong Learning Services, said, “We’re eager to have Jeff share his unique experiences and perspective. His active Vietnam experience and the important work he is now doing as a civilian in Afghanistan will resonate with our military students. It will be an exceptional opportunity to honor a UT graduate who is making such a contribution in the international community.”

Dr. Dennis Lettman, dean of the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning, added, “We are very fortunate to have Mr. Crowther return to campus and share his experiences and accomplishments with our UT community. I believe he will inspire many of our fine veteran and military students to complete their degrees and go on to do great work as he has done.”

“My expectation for this visit is two-fold,” Crowther emailed from Afghanistan. “One is to humbly accept this recognition for all UT students who have served this country. The second is to educate others on the difficulties we’ll face in the future as cultures are thrown together in this globalized world — and on the limits of military intervention.”

For further information about Crowther’s talk, call the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning at 419.530.3072.

UT alumnus Jeff Crowther posed for a photo at the Multinational Base in Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan.

Photo by Daniel Miller
Employees celebrate fall commencement

Jessica Bayus, daughter of Patricia Bayus, public inquiries assistant in the Dean of Students Office, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. Jessica made the president's and dean's lists, and was a four-year participant in the Levis Leadership Scholarship Program. She will apply for substitute teaching in the spring and seek a teaching position for fall.

Alan Beyersdorf, son of Tom Beyersdorf, instructional media specialist in Classroom Support Services, received two bachelor of arts degrees — one in psychology and one in English with a concentration in creative writing. Alan plans to pursue a master of fine arts degree in poetry and continue his publishing work.

Margie Traband, daughter of Margaret “Peg” Traband, vice provost for undergraduate studies, received a master of business administration degree. Margie will continue working on the National Science Foundation grant focused on a green energy curriculum.

William R. Gregus III, son of Yvonne Burlingame, public inquiries assistant in Career Services, received a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in human resources. He has worked at The Andersons for many years and hopes to move up to the company’s HR Department.

Photos by Daniel Miller
Steven Amos, son of Kevin Amos, instructional media specialist in Classroom Support Services, received a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a major in marketing. Steven is looking forward to entering the work force while planning his 2013 wedding.

Dr. Robert Detwiler, adviser and recruiter for undergraduate and master’s programs in the College of Business and Innovation, received a doctorate in higher education. He was one of two applicants who received a 2011 Graduate Student Enrollment Management Research Grant for a proposal written for his dissertation. The $2,500 award was presented by the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals. Detwiler plans to continue overseeing UT’s MBA Program.

Dawn Durivage, assistant director of student professional development in Student Affairs, received a master of public health degree. She plans to continue working at the University with Health Science Campus students.

New Student Health and Wellness Center to be celebrated Jan. 13

By Feliza Casano

The new Student Health and Wellness Center on Health Science Campus gives students access to a variety of health services conveniently in a space just for them.

The center, which is scheduled to open Monday, Jan. 9, will be celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday, Jan. 13, at 2 p.m. in the lower level of the Ruppert Health Center in Suite 0013.

“Any student would like to feel accommodated,” said Cara Elmer, a member of the Medical Student Council who worked to set up the center. “Medical students have busy schedules and long study hours, so they need a quick and helpful service readily available.”

In the past, students on Health Science Campus would receive services at the Ruppert Health Center with the general public. The new Student Health and Wellness Center allows them access to a number of services, such as immunizations, travel health, and nutrition and behavior health, in a medical office just for them.

“The services provided to the students won’t change; they’ll still get the great care they receive now from our UT physicians,” said Rick Waugh, supervisor for the center. “We’re simply moving it to a brand-new, beautiful facility centered around our students’ health and wellness. We are committed to providing quality services, including protecting confidentiality and other patient rights.”

The facility includes two exam rooms and a behavioral health room. Additional services, such as lab work and radiology services, will be available through referrals to specialty clinics. The center will accept medical insurance, including the Aetna plans available to UT students.

“Students are the most important part of The University of Toledo, and it was important to provide them with a place to go on Health Science Campus where their health issues could be addressed appropriately,” said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, chancellor, executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. “The wellness center will provide students with services they need with additional privacy and convenience.”

Feedback about the Student Health and Wellness Center is encouraged by the Medical Student Council to ensure student needs have been met and they were seen in a timely manner, Elmer said.

Call 419.383.3777 to make an appoint at the Student Health and Wellness Center.

Winter weather policy reminder

In the rare event of a major snow or ice storm or other inclement weather that makes it necessary for UT to delay or suspend classes or campus events, the University will announce this information through several communications vehicles:

- UT Alert text message and email: Sign up for UT Alert at https://stuweb00.utoledo.edu/redalert/
- Web: utoledo.edu and myut.utoledo.edu
- Phone: 419.530.SNOW (7669)
- Social media: Facebook and Twitter; and
- Local media.

Call 419.383.3777 to make an appoint at the Student Health and Wellness Center.
Rockets beat Air Force, 42-41, in Military Bowl

The @UTTweetTeam Express bus took 56 enthusiastic Rocket fans to the Military Bowl. The passengers were required to post to Twitter the entire time aboard the bus, sharing their experiences, their pictures and their Rocket pride with the world.

Senior running back Adonis Thomas, left, and Head Coach Matt Campbell were interviewed after the Military Bowl luncheon. Thomas picked up 108 yards on 22 carries and scored a touchdown. He finished the season with 1,071 yards.

Sophomore wide receiver Bernard Reedy caught four passes, including three for touchdowns.

Kayann Walter, a clarinet player in the UT Marching Band, cheered on the Rockets.

The team and coaches did some sightseeing in Washington, D.C., and visited the U.S. Capital.

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Photo by Christopher Ankney
UT to offer MBA program through arrangement in Egypt

By Bob Mackowiak

The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation has signed a memorandum of understanding with the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt to offer a joint master’s degree in business administration in Cairo.

The program will enable Egyptian students to obtain an MBA from UT without leaving Egypt. Consisting of 11 courses over 15 months, all of the classes will be conducted at the American Chamber’s Career Development Center in Cairo.

“This cooperation will benefit both the Egyptian and American people by creating jobs, fostering innovation, and sending a message of confidence to the world that Egypt is a world-class destination for tourism and foreign investment,” said U.S. Ambassador Anne W. Patterson. “Moving forward, we are eager to work with the Egyptian government and the Egyptian people on more projects of mutual benefit to our two countries.”

“The UT College of Business and Innovation and the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt recognize that both business and academia need to effectively function in a true global community,” said Dr. Thomas Gutteridge, dean of the UT College of Business and Innovation, who participated in the Dec. 11 signing of the memorandum. “The College of Business and Innovation seriously pursues its mission of developing lifelong, ethical business leaders of tomorrow, and this agreement further demonstrates how we strive to be the preferred learning partner for students and the business community worldwide.”

He added, “Egyptian students are very anxious to improve their education, and this partnership is a major step, especially because the College of Business and Innovation is accredited by the Association to Advance College Schools of Business International. This will mean excellent preparation for better jobs, providing [students] a competitive advantage in a global marketplace.”

The college currently provides an MBA program on site in Cairo through an agreement signed in 2010 between The University of Toledo and the Sadat Academy for Management Sciences (SAMS). SAMS students also are obtaining bachelor’s degrees as a result of a 2009 agreement through which they undertake their first two years of study at the Sadat Academy and then complete their course work either in Toledo or through distance learning and classes taught by UT faculty in Cairo. However, these agreements will be discontinued after the initial cohorts graduate.

The UT College of Business and Innovation also offers MBA programs through agreements with Zhejiang University of Finance & Economics, China; Humanitarian Academy in Kharkov, the Ukraine; and PSG Institutions, Coimbatore, India.

UT officials: Purchase parking permit, register vehicle to avoid tickets

University officials are reminding students, faculty and staff that they need to order parking permits and register vehicle license plates to avoid receiving parking tickets this semester.

To register, members of the UT community must visit myparking.utoledo.edu, log in with their UTAD credentials, and enter the license plate number and the make and model of their vehicle.

A comprehensive list of frequently asked questions on details of the new parking system are available at www.utoledo.edu/parkingservices.

Those with additional questions can email parkingquestions@utoledo.edu.

In memoriam

Jose J. Aponte, Temperance, Mich., who taught in the UT College of Pharmacy for more than 25 years, died Dec. 26 at age 100. He joined the University in 1946 as an assistant professor of pharmacy, becoming associate professor in 1950 and professor in 1956. In 1964, he received the Outstanding Teacher Award. His service on various UT committees included military affairs and academic grievances. He retired in 1972 as professor emeritus. In 1985, the college dedicated the Aponte Model Pharmacy, created to give students hands-on experience in dispensing medicine, in his honor.

Dr. VANCE H. DODSON JR., Parsonsfield, Maine, who was an assistant professor of chemistry at the University during the 1950s, died Dec. 20 at age 89. In 1955, he was chair of the alumni open house during Homecoming. He received a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering and a master’s degree in chemistry from UT in 1944 and 1947, respectively.

Dr. Dallas Garber, Toledo, who served as director of the Student Union from 1971 until his retirement in 1992, died Dec. 5 at age 72. He received a doctor of education degree from UT in 1977. He is survived by his wife, Marlene Garber, retired secretary from the UT Geography and Planning Department.

Evelyn R. (Wauters Kimerer) Gozdowski, Holland, a cashier at UT from 1982 to 1984, died Dec. 7 at age 90.

Janet M. Hudak, Zephyrhills, Fla., who was a clerk at UT from 1969 to 1975, died Dec. 27 at age 87.


Philip J. Mazziotti, Toledo, former executive at Dana Corp. and part-time instructor in the College of Engineering, died Jan. 1 at age 89. He received a bachelor’s degree in engineering from UT in 1956.

Beverly A. Moharter, Toledo, a secretary in the Marketing Department in the College of Business from 1990 to 1997, died Dec. 18 at age 65.

Julius J. Nagy, Toledo, a former MCO employee who worked in maintenance, died Dec. 8 at age 90.

Thomas H. Page, Ottawa Hills, controller at UT from 2002 to 2008, died Dec. 31 at age 56. He received a business degree from the University in 1981 and was a lifetime member of the UT Alumni Association. His wife, Kathy Page, who retired from the University as director of enrollment services in 2008, survives.

Henry A. Ricks Jr., Toledo, who was hired as a custodial worker in the Student Union in 1992 and retired as a building services worker in 1998, died Dec. 17 at age 75.

Dr. Robert F. Smith, Ottawa Hills, professor emeritus of history and part of the first group of faculty to receive the Distinguished University Professor designation, died Nov. 24 at age 81. He joined the UT faculty in 1969 as professor of history, earning tenure in 1971. His 1986 Distinguished Professor honor was part of the University’s Program for Academic Excellence. The author of several books, one of which won the 1973 book award of the Ohio Academy of History, he served on a number of committees that included those with a focus on Latin American studies. He retired in 1992.

Clyde W. Sweet II, Findlay, a former lecturer in the College of Business, died Dec. 8 at age 90. He took classes at UT from 1939 to 1941 and in the 1940s.
Schlembach Award recognizes IT administrator for assistance to Enrollment Services

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each year, The University of Toledo recognizes an individual who goes beyond his or her traditional job responsibilities and is an ambassador for the Division of Enrollment Services.

The Dr. Robert J. Schlembach Award is given to that person who works outside the division but who gives selflessly of his or her time to promote the University and whose loyalty, dedication and outstanding service to UT create a model for others to follow.

Jamie Galambos, university computing administrator with Information Technology, received the 2011 Schlembach Award for going out of her way to be helpful to everyone in the division. She was recognized at the Dec. 20 town hall meeting.

One nomination letter championed Galambos: “Even though she has many buildings to service, I know without a doubt that she will be here soon to save the day!” Another read, “She is a wealth of knowledge and there usually isn’t a problem that she can’t fix!”

“It is important to recognize those individuals who go above and beyond for the greater University of Toledo,” said Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs.

“Serving our students — those currently enrolled, the prospective students we want to attract here and our graduates — is really the job of everyone at the University, and people like Jamie who see that big picture and make sure they do whatever they can to help are truly special.”

Galambos is a graduate of The University of Toledo who has worked for the institution 10 years.

The award is named for Schlembach, who has a long history of contributing to the profession of pharmacy and to the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. He is committed to alumni engagement as a tool for advancing the college and remains active as a historian for its Alumni Affiliate and on the Dean’s Cabinet.

‘Six Weeks to Wellness’ to start Jan. 12

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ake 2012 a healthy year. Plan to attend “Six Weeks to Wellness,” a lunchtime program designed to help you reach your health goals.

Rocket Wellness is offering the six brown-bag programs that are open to UT employees.

The first session, “A New Year, a New You,” will take place Thursday, Jan. 12, from noon to 12:45 p.m. in the Mulford Garden Café.

Health topics will be addressed weekly at the free programs, which will continue on Thursdays through Feb. 16.

Employees who attend at least two sessions are eligible to participate in any group exercise class offered at the YMCA Morse Center during the six-week period.

Special print services available for UT community

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de-format printing and other large graphic services are again available at the University.

The Print Services Department in University Hall Room 2340 has the capabilities to perform several functions, including:

• Printing posters and banners up to 42 inches wide with unlimited height;
• Laminating posters or any materials, and matte and gloss finishes in a 7-mil finish for durability;
• Mounting of posters and graphics on foam core, gatorboard and colored cardboard;
• Framing of any size and type;
• Producing single-run, full-color posters for special announcements of events, with mounting and lamination;
• Printing and mounting for small-run photographs; and
• Printing on canvas, vinyl, glossy photo paper, satin photo paper and plain paper.

Services are available to those on all UT campuses.

“Our listen to feedback from customers who used these services in the past and there still seemed to be a need,” said Fred Reese, director of print and mail services. “We’re here to make your presentations, whether they’re on a large scale or encompass a single poster, as polished as possible.”

Reese said the office has quick turnaround capacity, but it’s best to give as much lead-time as possible when scheduling jobs. Prices and turnaround times are dependent on job complexity and volume.

For more information, contact Terry Fell at terry.fell@utoledo.edu or 419.530.8559, or Reese at 419.530.7351 or fred.reese@utoledo.edu.
Three doctoral students join ranks of University Fellows

By Feliza Casano

Three PhD students at The University of Toledo — Michelle Roley, Gregory Erickson and Monica Gochioco Schick — have been recognized for their exceptional academic records with University Fellowship awards.

The fellowship award includes a tuition waiver for 12 hours of classes per semester and a stipend. It is the highest student award available from the College of Graduate Studies.

The students, who all aspire to careers as university professors, were recognized as new University Fellows at the Nov. 29 meeting of the Graduate Council.

“The fellowship has a competitive selection process and is one of our recruitment tools,” said Dr. Patricia Komuniecki, vice provost for graduate affairs and dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

The award allows the fellows to pursue their studies without having to commit to other jobs or assistantships to support themselves financially, Komuniecki said.

Roley, Erickson and Gochioco Schick are joining seven students who are current University Fellows. There are a maximum of 10 at any time.

Roley and Erickson are pursuing advanced degrees in clinical psychology in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences, and Gochioco Schick is in the exercise physiology PhD program in the Judith Herb College of Education, Health Science and Human Service.

Roley, who is pursuing both an MA and PhD in clinical psychology, works with Dr. Joseph Hovey, professor of psychology, to research depression, suicide and substance abuse, particularly in adolescents and their families in underserved populations.

“The overall goal of my research is to add to the scientific community’s knowledge of underserved individuals’ mental health concerns while also providing useful evidence-based tools to community mental health clinics and agencies that will help overburdened clinics serve their clients better,” Roley said.

Roley hopes to pursue a postdoctoral fellowship and eventually seek tenure in a university department of psychology or psychiatry.

Erickson, who is pursuing a PhD in clinical psychology, studies anxiety and depression in youth with Dr. Laura Seligman, associate professor of psychology.

“My main interest is in third-wave behavioral treatments and affective information processing biases in anxiety disorders, which includes over-reaction to threatening stimuli,” he said.

Erickson said he is excited to contribute to the research in the growing field of psychology, both in his studies at UT and in the future as a professor at a university or in a research hospital.

Gochioco Schick, who is focusing on muscle cell biology in her exercise physiology PhD program with Dr. Frank Pizza, professor of kinesiology, is thankful the fellowship will allow her more time to focus on research.

“I had to teach three units of classes when I started working on my degree,” she said. “It takes a lot of time. The fellowship will allow me to focus on research.”

Gochioco Schick also looks forward to her future career as a professor at a research university.

More information about the University Fellows program is available on the College of Graduate Studies website at www.utoledo.edu/graduate or by calling 419.530.4723.
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