Celebrating graduation

A new graduate rejoiced during one of UT’s commencement ceremonies. She was one of 2,790 candidates for degrees from the spring and summer semesters from eight of the University’s colleges.

President outlines administrative organizational changes, cites need for national prominence, provost recruitment

By Jon Strunk

UT President Lloyd Jacobs is ushering a spirit of integration into his organizational structure, while empowering University leaders to get what he defines as “narrower and deeper” in several key areas.

“Any relevant institution adapts to meet the current needs of its customers and address the external challenges it faces,” Jacobs said, noting the changes taking place primarily in the Office of the President, the Office of the Provost, the Division of External Affairs and the Division of Administration. “One of this institution’s strengths lies in the relationships between members of UT’s senior leadership and the support all leaders provide across the spectrum of University functions.”

He continued, “As we recruit a provost, one of the most important leadership positions at the University, we have made some organization changes designed to help attract the highest caliber leader possible, while asking that our senior administrators embrace their roles as university officers and provide leadership that transcends organizational structures.”

Division of External Affairs

Among these changes is the shift of Enrollment Services from External Affairs to the Office of the Provost.

In addition to provost recruitment benefits, Jacobs said the changes will have the added benefit of enabling Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs, to narrow his portfolio and focus on recruitment.

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Scan the QR code with your smart phone to watch a video from graduation.

Lee Fisher, president and CEO of CEOs for Cities, left, Heather Griffin, a student member of the Board of Trustees, and President Lloyd Jacobs posed for a photo before the afternoon commencement ceremony. Fisher spoke at the event and received an honorary doctor of humane letters.

President Lloyd Jacobs, left, presented an honorary doctor of humane letters to Dr. Maurice Manning, president of the Irish Human Rights Commission, who addressed graduates during the morning commencement ceremony.
First Look+Listen to fuse music, art, text into academic experience

By Cynthia Novak

This fall, the atmosphere at The University of Toledo will be Kind of Blue — and upbeat about it.

It’s because of this year’s First Look+Listen, a new approach to the familiar practice of asking students to share a common text as the basis for campus-wide conversations in and out of the classroom.

To create a textured experience, UT organizers are using notable works of contemporary art and music as the foundation of inquiry, dialogue and reading about issues that resonate for the local community.

“For fall 2012, the University has selected Miles Davis’ seminal jazz album Kind of Blue as the first listen, and will curate a selection of art and design that complement the music,” explained Dr. Ben Pryor, vice provost for academic program development. “The overall program will promote discussion of what we all have in common, as well as how our differences contribute to a richer and more interesting life in a region that’s undergoing profound transformation.”

From its 1959 release, Kind of Blue has been recognized as a transformative work of art, often identified as the greatest jazz album of all time, one that subsequently influenced other types of music, including rock and classical.

Davis’ music, Pryor said, will become woven into the academic year. University Libraries will help organize free reading groups for students and faculty, with topics and texts related to the music and its continuing relevance. Other groups will act as curators for exhibits of related art and design, with a focus on how such cultural mashups can enrich an entire geographic region.

“The University Libraries will also help students and faculty access resources — books, articles, recordings and films — to enhance discovery and promote a shared experience,” said Thomas Atwood, associate professor of information literacy. “We are working with a mutual purpose with First Look+Listen to facilitate a conversation across the disciplines and involve more students.”

Live performances and community outreach also are planned to carry the experience beyond campus boundaries.

First Look+Listen is the next generation of First Read, a partnership between the First-Year Experience Program and Student Affairs. The program provides students with a common cultural experience that demonstrates the connections between academic traditions and emerging trends, while building a sense of community.

Law student’s article on Great Lakes Compact receives statewide award

By Rachel Phipps

UT law student M. Zack Hohl is the winner of the Ohio State Bar Association’s 2012 Environmental Law Award for his paper titled “The Great Lakes Compact: States Suffering From Withdrawal.”

The article will be published in the association’s Environmental Law Symposium, and Hohl will receive a prize of $1,000 donated by the Ohio law firm McMahon DeGulis LLP. Hohl’s winning paper analyzed the goals and framework of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact by evaluating the exemption for bottled water under the agreement. After being signed and ratified by the eight Great Lake states, including Ohio, the compact was ratified by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2008.

According to Hohl, “While the compact is admirably thorough and a major step toward sustainable development in the region, if the compact is weakened, either through state action or exploitation of exemption like that for the bottled water, it will be incredibly difficult for states to act on their own. Therefore, it is important that states and individuals follow both the letter and spirit of the compact if we are to achieve sustainable use of our regional waters.”

“The new compact is vital to Ohio and this region,” said Ken Kilbert, associate professor in the UT College of Law and director of its Legal Institute of the Great Lakes. “Zack’s paper is a terrific piece of legal work and will be very useful to lawyers, judges and policymakers.”

Hohl graduated summa cum laude and delivered the class address at commencement May 6.

While at the UT College of Law, Hohl has collected highest ranking student awards in several classes, including his Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law and Water Law courses. Hohl also served as articles editor for The University of Toledo Law Review and as co-president of the Environmental Law Society.

Moreover, Hohl’s scholarship during his law school career will be published not once, but twice. The article titled “Legal Tools for Reducing Harmful Algal Blooms in Lake Erie” that Hohl co-authored with Kilbert and 2011 UT law alumna Tiffany Tisler will be published in the upcoming fall issue of The University of Toledo Law Review.

According to the Ohio State Bar Association, the Environmental Law Committee asked that submissions for the 2012 Environmental Law Award advance the application and practice of environmental, energy or resources law in the state of Ohio.

A panel of environmental lawyers and Ohio State Bar Association members reviewed the submissions to select the winner. Submitted articles were judged on the following criteria: relevance to the practice of law in Ohio, timeliness and importance of the selected topic, organization, quality of legal analysis, quality of legal research, and quality of the overall writing.
THUMB’S UP: Dr. Isabel Escobar, UT professor of chemical and environmental engineering and interim assistant dean for research development and outreach in the College of Engineering, spoke to some of the 100 area high school seniors and juniors who visited UT last week for the third annual Women in Science Day of Meetings. The girls explored and performed experiments in a number of areas: physics and astronomy, chemistry, biology, engineering, and medicine. The Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Association for Women in Science hosted the event, which is designed to encourage young women to consider careers in science and technology.

LAB WORK: Vigul Shukla, a second-year medical student, explained plastination — how bodies and parts are preserved in plastic without destroying the composition and structure of tissues — to some of the approximately 500 junior high and high school students who attended the 10th annual Latino Youth Summit last week.

COLORFUL CATCH: Debbra Cooper from the University Marketing Office took this photo on Main Campus when she was leaving work last Wednesday.
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more on his division’s attention toward promoting the University and obtaining national exposure for UT’s research, teaching and community service efforts.

“As long as I have known Larry, the answer to any request of him is always ‘yes,’” Jacobs said, pointing to Burns’ leadership in equity, diversity and community engagement in addition to his enrollment, marketing, communications, web development and ambassadorial roles.

“Larry and his team will continue to lead UT’s marketing and communications efforts as UT reaches out to prospective students,” Jacobs said. “But I’ve also asked him to spend a greater portion of his time leading University efforts to help raise the national profile of UT’s excellent and ongoing research, teaching and community engagement.”

Additional changes in the division include Print and Mail Services moving under the chief financial officer and vice president for finance and the removal of the interim title, permanently locating the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement in External Affairs.

“This is an opportunity for External Affairs to focus more on sharing stories of UT successes across the region, state and nation,” Burns said. “Our marketing, communications, web and technology efforts will continue to promote areas of excellence throughout our University. Our focus on equity, diversity and community engagement will continue to highlight the strength that is generated by embracing our values and people of diverse backgrounds.”

Office of the Provost

In addition to the enrollment management transition, other changes in the Office of the Provost include creation of two new offices and the redefinition of roles and responsibilities.

The Office of Assessment, Accreditation and Program Review is being established in recognition of the importance of a proactive approach to continuous improvement. The reintroduction of academic program review after a 10-year hiatus and the new demands of an evolving Higher Learning Commission accreditation process, as well as the ongoing assessment program, necessitate a commitment of resources to support this critical activity.

The Office of Student Success will bring sharper focus to the array of essential academic support resources and activities, including orientation, accessibility services, tutoring services, placement testing and the Writing Center, domestic service learning, and career services.

Those appointed to the newly created or organized positions are:

- Dr. Penny Poppin Gosetti, vice provost for assessment, accreditation and program review;
- Dr. Margaret Traband, vice provost for academic policy and faculty affairs;
- Dr. Ben Pyor, vice provost for academic program development;
- Dr. Sammy Spann, assistant provost for international studies and programs;
- Angela Paprocki, assistant provost for student success; and
- Cathi Kwapich, assistant provost for enrollment management.

In her role as vice provost for academic policy and faculty affairs, Traband will have responsibility for the development and management of academic policies; faculty development; new faculty orientation; appointment, promotion and tenure; and advising.

In his role as vice provost for academic program development, Pyor will continue to provide leadership in curricular innovation, technology-enhanced learning (including Learning Ventures) and libraries, and will take a leadership role in the continued development of existing interdisciplinary schools and the creation of new ones. The College of Innovative Learning will be discontinued, but its component parts will continue to report to Pyor.

Another significant change affects the Gateway Program, which serves students who are undecided, undeclared or are still working to be accepted into their major of choice.

“Because we believe it is essential that every student have an ‘academic home,’ returning Gateway students and new students who would have entered the Gateway Program this fall will enroll in either the Department of Exploratory Studies or the General Studies Program in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences,” Jacobs said.

Office of the President

The Office of Institutional Research will continue to be led by Dr. Geoffrey Martin and will move from the Office of the Provost and report directly to the Office of the President. Additionally, D’Naie Jacobs will join the Office of the President as project manager. She and the president are unrelated.

Division of Administration

In the Division of Administration, an internal and external search is under way to fill a new, single position to lead the Office of Human Resources and Talent Development to replace the current co-leaders.

Additional reorganization in the division has resulted in the new or reorganized positions of:

- Dan Klett, university architect;
- Vic Brigner, university facilities and chief of police.
- Robert Sacks, public safety officer; and
- Jeff Newton, public safety officer and chief of police.

Chuck Lehnert, vice president for administration, said the changes come following a comprehensive external review.

“It is always healthy to step back from your organization and determine if it is still set up to best address current customer needs,” Lehnert said. “These shifts, particularly, in Human Resources and Talent Development, will reduce cycle times, enable us to provide better service internally, and further solidify UT as an employer of choice in the region.”

Ohio’s academic health-care industry has strong economic impact on state

By Megan Cunningham

Ohio’s medical colleges and teaching hospitals had a $42.6 billion economic impact on the state in 2011, according to a recent report commissioned by the Ohio Council of Medical School Deans.

The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences and its teaching hospitals alone had an economic impact of $5.6 billion on Ohio last year.

“It is important to understand the significant economic impact Ohio’s medical schools and teaching hospitals have on the state. One in every $20 in the Ohio economy is attributed directly or indirectly to academic health care,” said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, UT chancellor and executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs and dean of College of Medicine and Life Sciences, who serves as chair of the Ohio Council of Medical School Deans.

The council commissions economic impact studies every five years, with similar studies completed in 2007 and 2002. The firm TrippUnbach recently finished the 2012 study with 2011 data to show medical schools’ impact on the economy, jobs, tax revenue and other key economic metrics.

“These factors have been systematically studied for more than 10 years, all demonstrating important trends,” said Gold, who recently presented the data to Toledo leaders and will speak to legislators in Columbus and Washington in the future.

The economic impact in Ohio grew $5.4 billion since the 2007 study; that is attributed to the growing academic health-care industry and the increase in core hospitals and teaching affiliates associated with the state’s medical schools.

The academic health-care industry in Ohio also has an important impact on jobs in the state with more than 463,000 full-time equivalent positions in 2011 directly or indirectly tied to the industry; that was an increase by 38,000 positions from 2007. Currently, one in every 12 workers in Ohio works directly or indirectly for a medical school or teaching hospital.

For UT specifically, more than 57,000 full-time equivalent jobs are tied to the College of Medicine and Life Sciences and its teaching hospitals.

Summer teaching payroll schedule announced

The payroll schedule for faculty teaching during summer terms has been finalized.

This summer, faculty will be paid timely for the days of the term they work; they will not be paid in equal percentages regardless of work performed.

For example, faculty who teach beginning Monday, May 14, will be paid Friday, May 18, for the days worked.

Similarly, faculty who teach the last week of summer term one, which ends June 22, will receive a check for their June 18 through June 22 work June 29, which is a regular UT payday.

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First dean of medicine helped shape MCO

Dr. Robert G. Page, the first dean of the School of Medicine at the former Medical College of Ohio, died Aug. 31, 2011, in York Harbor, Maine. He was 90.

Joining MCO in 1968 from the University of Chicago, Page played an instrumental role in recruiting new department chairs and faculty for the fledgling medical school; in organizing an admissions process; in developing MCO’s year-round three-year medical curriculum, considered innovative at the time; in forging agreements with Toledo-area hospitals to serve as clinical training sites; and in organizing the medical library located on the school’s first campus on the grounds of the former William Roche Tuberculosis Hospital and Maumee Valley Hospital at the corner of Detroit and Arlington avenues.

The Bryn Mawr, Pa., native resigned as provost and dean in 1973, but remained on the MCO faculty as a professor in the departments of Medicine and Pharmacology until 1978, when he moved to Londonderry, Vt., where he had a private practice and also practiced at the Mountain Valley Health Center. He was a lecturer at Yale University and an adjunct professor at Dartmouth Medical School.

A 1939 graduate of Princeton University and 1943 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Page received an honorary doctor of science degree from MCO in 2000 and wrote about his tenure as the first dean in the book, A Community of Scholars: Reflections of the Early Years of the Medical College of Ohio, published last year by the UT Press.

Composer helped write alma mater

J. Gilbert Mohr, who co-wrote The University of Toledo’s alma mater “Fair Toledo,” died May 3 at age 98.

His wife, Jean Strout Mohr, who received her bachelor of education degree from UT in 1946, heard about a contest to write a new alma mater for the University on the radio. The couple wrote the song in 1959.

“Fair Toledo” was one of eight original compositions submitted to the contest sponsored by the UT Alumni Association and the UT Student Senate. The couple won a $100 savings bond, which they received during halftime of the UT-Marshall basketball game March 2, 1959, when the song was presented to the student body. “Fair Toledo” was first played publicly during commencement in June 1959.

The song penned by the Mohrs replaced “Golden and the Blue,” which was sung to the tune of “Amici,” a melody used by many institutions, including Cornell University.


Mohr, a research engineer, worked at Corning Glass Works in Corning, N.Y., and Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. in Toledo, as well as Johns Manville and Allied Chemical Corp. He held 10 patents for fiberglass products.

The former Maumee resident also was a musician and amateur songwriter. He played brass instruments as well as piano and violin.

In memoriam

Jo Ann Earlywine, Toledo, a registered nurse at MCO from 1975 until her retirement in 1998, died May 8 at age 78.

Daniel J. Kalo, Vero Beach, Fla., a former UT instructor, died April 22 at age 64.

Edgar E. Maddux III, Swanton, a paramedic at MCO until 2002, died April 29 at age 50.

Bea (Onsted) Noble, Toledo, a former MCO employee, died May 5 at age 81.

Joanne Schwartzberg, Toledo, associate professor emerita of nursing, died May 6 at age 77. She joined the MCO faculty as an assistant professor in the College of Nursing in 1973. Over the years, she made substantive contributions to the instructional curriculum and teaching of both undergraduate and graduate students. Schwartzberg served as associate dean for the Registered Nurse Program and collaborated on a number of geriatric research projects. She retired in 1994.

Consuelo Temple Scott, Toledo, a former MCO employee who attended UT in the 1960s, died April 27 at age 82.

Paul L. Vahle, Toledo, who had worked with the UT ROTC Program and was a longtime member of the Lady Rockets Fan Club, died April 26 at age 87.

Dr. J. Hugh Webb, Toledo, died April 19 at age 90. He was appointed to the volunteer faculty rank of clinical associate of neurosurgery in 1970 and was clinical associate professor of neurological surgery when he left in 1999.

Look for the next issue of UT News May 29
Academic Health Center BioRepository established to advance clinical research

By Tedra White

Patients in northwest Ohio now can contribute to the advancement of medical research.

ProMedica and The University of Toledo last week opened the Academic Health Center BioRepository to help researchers find new and improved treatments for cancer and other medical conditions, including autism, Alzheimer’s disease and diabetes.

Human blood and tissue samples will be donated by area patients to the BioRepository for future scientific research. The BioRepository is located in the Department of Pathology at ProMedica Toledo Hospital.

Governmental, health-care and community leaders joined physicians, researchers and staff from both organizations for a special ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the milestone May 9.

“This is one of the most exciting achievements so far for the Academic Health Center, and we are very fortunate to have such an advanced program in our area,” said Randy Oostra, president and chief executive officer of ProMedica. “We are committed to the expansion of medical research and look forward to witnessing some amazing scientific advancements and discoveries.”

A BioRepository is a bank where blood and tissue samples, called biospecimens, are stored. With patient approval, biospecimens will be collected from leftover tissue obtained during medical procedures. The stored biospecimens will help researchers learn more about specific diseases, identify how they progress, and develop new treatment therapies. Initially, patients undergoing certain procedures at ProMedica Toledo Hospital will have the opportunity to participate in the initiative with the expected expansion to UT Medical Center and other facilities.

“So many of the medicines and treatments that comprise modern medicine have been developed by researchers with access to a broad spectrum of tissue samples representative of the public generally,” said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, UT chancellor and executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

“This BioRepository is an outstanding example of the benefit to the community of the collaboration between UT and ProMedica,” Gold said. “By combining the research abilities and patient volumes of our two organizations, we may very well develop medical treatments that will be the standard of care around the world in years to come.”

“I applaud the Academic Health Center for recognizing the tremendous benefits of establishing a local BioRepository. It will lead to additional treatment options for area patients and enable clinicians to offer personalized cancer care,” said Dr. Michael McPhee, ProMedica surgical oncologist. “Biomolecular technology is a growing field, and this program allows area investigators the necessary tumor samples in order to carry out their research.”

Dr. James Willey, professor and director of UT’s Cancer Research Center, said that while cancer research will benefit, so will research into the treatment of countless conditions and diseases.

“A key advancement in the way we treat patients is to personalize medicine where, by basing a patient’s treatment on an analysis of his or her individual genetic characteristics, we can devise and implement the most suitable individual health-care plan, including prevention, diagnosis and treatment,” Willey said.

“Cancer is a great example, but you can take any of a broad array of diseases and conditions where the material collected at the BioRepository will be critical in identifying biomarkers. Biomarkers are substances and molecules we can use as clues to differentiate an individual’s needed cancer treatments from cancer treatments more generally,” he said.

UT offers summer program for gifted, talented, creative children

By Nicolette Jett

The future promises to challenge the knowledge and abilities of our leaders, scientists and creators who are students today.

The University of Toledo Judith Herb College of Education, Health Science and Human Service is preparing these future leaders with a summer program that challenges thinking and celebrates learning.

The Gifted, Talented, Creative Summer Camp 2012, known as GT@UT, is designed to provide primary, middle and junior high students the opportunity to grow with a number of unique programs. The camp will run from Monday through Friday, June 25-29, from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

“GT@UT is a program specifically for gifted and talented children who are academically above their age peers,” said Dr. Robert Schultz, UT professor of gifted education and curriculum studies, and program director. “The weeklong program gives them the opportunity to take their interests as far as they possibly can go and explore other areas that they normally cannot in a school setting.”

The camp is open to students who are currently enrolled in third through eighth grade and who have been identified as gifted/talented/creative by their school district or can provide a letter of recommendation by a teacher or gifted program coordinator.

The programs student may choose from are the Writer’s Life, CSI Toledo, Entrepreneurship Shark Tank, Occupy Earth, and the Great Outdoors, Campus Edition. Each program is taught by experienced educators with support from highly trained experts on giftedness and content area specialists from the University.

GT@UT is in its third year and is the only gifted and talented program offered in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

UT Police Detective Douglas Hoffman has sent his two daughters, ages 13 and 10, to the camp for two years.

“Our daughters have thoroughly enjoyed attending GT@UT for the past two summers,” Hoffman said. “My wife and I chose to send our daughters to the summer camp as a way to keep their minds stimulated during the summer and as a way for them to socialize with other students.”

Parents and guests are invited for the last day of the camp on Friday, June 29, to watch student presentations and celebrate the completion of camp.

Registrations are being accepted for the Gifted, Talented, Creative Summer Camp. Early registration is available for $110 per attendee through Friday, May 25, and registration continues for $125 through Wednesday, June 13. Late registrations are accepted until the first day of camp at a cost of $150 per student.

Multiple child discounts are available. For more information, go to http://utoleo.do/gifted. Use your smart phone to scan the QR code to watch a video about the camp.
Employees celebrate spring commencement

Alex Kosmyna, son of Mark Kosmyna, biomedical engineering technician at UT Medical Center, received a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a major in professional sales. Alex, who made the dean’s list in 2010 and 2011, is looking for a lead sales position.

Nicholas Bechstein, son of Carole Bechstein, senior lab technologist in UT Medical Center’s Pathology Department, graduated with honors with a bachelor of science degree in computer science and engineering. He will begin his job as an information technology integrator for Marathon Petroleum Corp.

Kyle A. Rublaitus, son of Dawn Blausey, purchasing agent in the Purchasing Department, received a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a major in professional sales and a minor in management. Kyle is pursuing a career in sales management.

Scott Mowery, son of Patty Mowery, administrative manager and executive secretary 2 in the Office of the Dean in the College of Engineering, received a bachelor of science degree in construction engineering technology. Scott is hoping to secure a full-time position and has been busy applying.

Piotr J. Jakimczuk, son of Piotr and Alicja Jakimczuk, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science in pharmaceutical sciences degree with a minor in chemistry and college and department honors in pharmacy practice. He will start graduate school this summer at UT in pursuit of a doctor of pharmacy degree. Alicja is a custodian with Building Services, and Piotr is a retired groundskeeper from the Physical Plant.
Andrea M. Bonitati, right, daughter of Julie Bonitati, administrative assistant to the vice president of administration, received a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a major in organizational leadership and management and a minor in business law. Andrea plans to continue her education to obtain her MBA. Katie Bonitati, Andrea’s cousin and daughter of Rick Bonitati, retired computing administrator from Information Technology, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in respiratory care. She has been offered a respiratory therapist position at the University of Virginia Health System’s Medical Center Hospital in Charlottesville.

Candace Cole, shown here with her son, Elijah, received a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a major in information systems. She is the daughter of Arnold Cole, who was a stationery 2 engineer in Plant Operations from 2002 until he passed away in 2008. Candace is moving to Texas to take a full-time job.

Nicole Thomas, daughter of Cheryl Thomas, administrative secretary in the Center for International Studies and Programs, graduated with a bachelor of education degree in early childhood education. Nicole is interviewing for a head teacher position at a local preschool and plans to relocate to Arizona, where she’ll teach first grade.

Jason Damschroder, son of Pat Damschroder, secretary for the Communication and Sociology and Anthropology departments, as well as the Africana Studies and Disabilities Studies programs, received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering technology. He plans to find a job related to his degree.

Tasha Woodson, a student account specialist in the Treasurer’s Office, received a master of education degree. She plans to continue working at the University, possibly in the Division of Student Affairs if an opportunity arises.
Marc C. Driscoll, son of Janie Driscoll, statistical clerk in the Department of Psychiatry, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in communication. Marc plans to apply for graduate school and hopes to teach English.

Nicholas Brillhart, administrative assistant in Outpatient Clinic Administration, received a master of business administration degree. He graduated with honors as a member of Beta Gamma Sigma — top 20 percent of class — and the Advanced Leadership Academy — top 10 percent of class. Brillhart is pursuing a doctoral degree in health education and would like to obtain a management position in health-care administration at UT Medical Center.

Benjamin Goldberg, son of UT Police Senior Law Enforcement Officer Jill Goldberg, received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He plans to relocate to Florida and pursue a job.

Yasmeen Jamali, daughter of Dr. Mahsin M. Jamali, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, received a bachelor of arts degree in political science. She plans to pursue a master’s degree in nursing.

Kaitlin Burhans, daughter of Nancy Burhans, associate director of the Student Recreation Center, received a bachelor of education degree in middle school childhood education. She plans to work in an educational or professional setting with middle school children.
Nicole Chick, daughter of Sandra Chick, secretary 2 in the Dean’s Office of the Judith Herb College of Education, Health Science and Human Service, graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a major in accounting. Nicole will start a full-time job in August, pursue a master’s degree, and take the Certified Public Accountant Exam in 2013.

Jennifer L. Porath, daughter of Wiona D. Porath, academic program coordinator in the Department of Bioengineering, graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in art with a concentration in ceramics. Jennifer plans to continue her education in graduate school.

Amanda Jiannuzzi, daughter of Sherri Jiannuzzi, assistant director of loans in the Office of Student Financial Aid, received a bachelor of arts degree in individualized studies. Amanda plans to keep working as a nanny and possibly continue her education.

Linda M. Campbell, wife of Dr. James Campbell, Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy, graduated with a doctor of philosophy degree in higher education. She received the Russell Scholarship in 2010 and the National Association of Campus Activities Fellowship in 2011. Linda will continue teaching accounting at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Mich.
Don’t Lose Your Seat!

Don’t lose your spot in class or residence hall. Make arrangements to pay your bills before your registration is invalidated.

DEADLINES:

June 17 — Pay outstanding balances of $500 or more from Spring 2012 or prior terms in full (pay immediately to avoid late fees or additional collection activity that may result in derogatory credit bureau reporting)

August 13 — Pay outstanding balances for Fall 2012 and prior terms in full or make appropriate payment arrangements (you can access Installment Payment Plan for Fall 2012 fees through your myUT portal under Student Account)

Registered for classes but not returning to UT in the fall?

Just Drop It!

Drop/Withdraw from classes prior to the start of the term to avoid a $500 non-refundable administrative fee. If you are not removed from classes for non-payment and don’t plan to attend, you must drop your classes. Visit myUT.utoledo.edu today to pay bills or drop classes
Second class of teacher LEADERS announced

By Meghan Cunningham

A
dozen teachers from Toledo Public Schools and school districts in Monroe County, Michigan, will hit the books this summer to study the latest in alternative energy and learn creative ways to teach their students about the industry.

The teachers who are the second cohort to participate in the federally funded research program Leadership for Educators: Academy for Driving Economic Revitalization in Science, or LEADERS, were announced at a recognition event May 3.

The goal of the LEADERS partnership, which is funded by a $5 million grant from the National Science Foundation, is to improve K-12 science education with hands-on or project-based science linked to alternative energy and the environment.

“Project-based science makes the learning relevant and interesting to students by giving them hands-on opportunities to answer questions about the world around them,” said Dr. Charlene Czerniak, UT professor of curriculum and instruction, and a co-investigator on the grant. “The LEADERS Program provides teachers with the most updated information and learning techniques to engage students and prepare them to be the innovators of the future.”

The teachers will begin courses in physics, chemistry, environmental science, engineering and education June 11 at UT. Upon returning to their districts, the participants will be teacher leaders who work with their colleagues so the whole district benefits.

“This program enables our teachers to expand their science content knowledge and leadership skills,” said Robert Mendenhall, curriculum director for Toledo Public Schools and a co-investigator on the project. “The professional development delivered by our LEADERS teachers will help prepare our staff and students to meet the rigorous demands in Ohio’s newly adopted College and Career Ready Standards.”

“Science plays an essential role in education and in our economic success as a region, a state and a nation,” said Dr. Donald A. Spencer, superintendent of the Monroe County Intermediate School District. “We are proud that nine educators from six different local school districts in Monroe County have volunteered and been accepted as part of the cohort. Their commitment to learning all that they can to improve opportunities for students is a testament to their dedication to their profession. They will work together to renew our Great Lakes region and to enrich the experiences they offer to their students.”

The participants will take three summers of courses through the program and upon completion will receive a master’s degree. A first cohort of teachers from Toledo Public Schools and the Catholic Diocese of Toledo began their training in 2010.

It’s estimated that by its conclusion, 86,000 K-12 students will benefit from the LEADERS Program.
It is the end of spring semester, and many of us are under stress! Students prepare for finals, faculty grade assignments fervently — hopefully impressed with the growth of their students from semester’s beginning until now — and administrators await big news about the leadership of their divisions. As a campus climate survey goes around, I began to think to myself: Am I living a life I am proud of?

I recently sat at Carlson library working through a presentation that I had to give. I overheard two undergraduate students mocking Chinese students — making fun of the way they talk, laughing about their names, insulting them in ways I would never have expected an “educated” person to do. At first, I let the conversation go on because I didn’t know these people, and I thought it would stop. After a few minutes, their conversation moved off our interna
tional guests, and I tried to simmer down. As another Asian student walked by our workstation, the mocking continued. At this point, I whispered in a soft tone, “Excuse me. What you are saying is highly offensive.” The male seemed surprised to hear this. He immediately stopped laughing, and I posed the question, “Have you ever lived abroad? It can be really hard.” At this time, the female responded, “I don’t need a lecture from someone I don’t know,” and she continued to be rude, raising her voice, saying things I choose not to repeat, and giving attitude to me, someone she does not know.

Where is the respect on this campus? I would never talk to someone in such a manner.

What is the difference between ignorance and evil? In this instance, ignorance, not knowing, may have been the culprit. Not knowing what it means to live in a country far from your family, not knowing what it is like to live in a country that speaks a different language, not knowing “fitting” into the culture is impossible because of your voice and face. However, I suspect it is the later. It was evil. Our students are not evil, but racism is. Evil thoughts are deeply engrained in our everyday culture. Racism, overt or not, has shaped the minds of leaders in this country and is now consuming the minds of our generation. We all face racial problems. We are a country built upon multiple cultures, religions, etc., and every day disrespect and hate are thrown around from one person to another. But why?

I could not be a bystander in the above situation; this is a call for you not to be passive either. Who wants to live in a world that condones racism? Not me. White against black, male against female, domestic against foreign — these are things we can do away with. We are the youth of today, the leaders of tomorrow, and we can create the world we want to live in. I was reminded of Gandhi’s famous words, “If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him.” We need not wait to see what others do,” commonly paraphrased as, “Be the change you want to see in the world.” As we leave campus for summer, I hope you will think of these words and how you can make your lives something to be proud of.

What is the point of a college education if it is not to produce individuals who can think critically and analytically and who will contribute positively to our society? I hope that your education will provide you with the tools you need to work with diverse groups of people and also will open your mind to the exploration and understanding of others. Making racist remarks is completely inappropriate and is not to be tolerated. I hope you — students, faculty and administrators — stand with me in this endeavor.

In conclusion, I am living a life I am proud of. Are you?

Huffman is a master’s candidate in the Higher Education Program and works as a graduate assistant in the Center for International Studies and Programs. She was born and raised in Toledo and attended Toledo Public Schools. Her first trip abroad was in 2007, at age 20, through an undergraduate study abroad program. Since 2007, she has visited 27 countries and has lived in Denmark, France, South Korea and Australia. When she finishes her master’s degree, she hopes to work at a college that promotes cultural diversity and the understanding of others. She encourages students to study abroad and obtain proficiency in a foreign language.
Evening at Inverness Club
with football coach May 31

By Paul Helgren

UT Head Football Coach Matt Campbell and his staff will host a reception at the Inverness Club in Toledo Thursday, May 31, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Fans and supporters of the Rockets can partake of beer and wine tasting, hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar.

There will be a live auction with exciting items, including a trip for two to games at Arizona and Wyoming, and field passes for games vs. Cincinnati and Bowling Green.

Proceeds will benefit The University of Toledo Rocket Fuel Program.

Donation levels are: $1,000 Table Donor — seating for 10 and event recognition — $150 for a couple and $100 for an individual. Donations are tax-deductible except for $30 per person to cover costs.

Register online at https://utole.do/campbell or call the Football Office at 419.530.3500.

Rocket Golf Classic to be held June 21
at Stone Oak Country Club

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo Athletic Department will host its annual Rocket Golf Classic at Stone Oak Country Club in Holland, Ohio, Thursday, June 21.

Check-in will begin at 11 a.m., with lunch at 11:30 and a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Dinner and an awards presentation will follow golf at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Reservations for foursomes and sponsorships are available. Proceeds for this outing will be used to support the UT Athletic programs.

For more information or to sign up a foursome, contact the Athletic Development Office at 419.530.2510.

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This will be Anna Chlebowski’s fourth year to participate in the Toledo Heart Walk and 10K Run.

The administrative secretary 2 in the Department of Biochemistry and Cancer Biology walks in memory of her brother, Andre Suykerbuyk.

“I became involved after having my heart attack on December 27, 2008,” she said. “My brother, Andre, passed away two weeks prior to my heart attack on December 11, 2008, from a heart attack. I try to inform others about the importance of family history, exercise and diet.”

It’ll also be the fourth year Felicia Guerrero laces up her sneakers for the American Heart Association event.

“Five years ago, my mother-in-law died of one massive heart attack, and no one in the family even suspected she had heart disease,” said Guerrero, outreach marketing manager with the UT Physicians Group.

“More women lose lives to heart disease than breast cancer. Promotion of screenings and a healthy lifestyle are vital to saving lives, and the Heart Walk is a great way to reach thousands of people.”

She will walk to remember a friend.

“I am walking this year in honor of a friend, Mark, who lost his life to heart disease at the age of only 48,” Guerrero said. “He otherwise seemed healthy and exercised, but I believe genetics played a role.”

“Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer; someone dies every 38 seconds,” said Andrea Jacobs, administrative secretary 2 and marketing coordinator in the Heart and Vascular Center. “For women, the numbers are even more alarming. In the U.S., breast cancer kills one in every 31 women, while heart disease kills one in every three.

“Those facts alone, especially the statistics about women, are what stirred me to want to bring awareness about heart disease. We all know someone who has been affected by this disease,” she said. “Participating in the Heart Walk and raising money for research and education can reduce those numbers.”

Jacobs will walk in honor of her husband, Donald, who has heart disease.

The Toledo Heart Walk and 10K Run will take place Saturday, May 19, at the Glass Bowl.

Some 300 UT employees and their family and friends are expected to participate in either the 10-kilometer run or the one- or three-mile walks, according to Jacobs, who is a UT company co-leader for the event with Chlebowski and Guerrero.

As of Friday, the University was in fifth place in the company rankings with more than $5,500 raised so far. The goal is $40,000.

The UT team is open to faculty, staff and students, and their family and friends.

To join or make a donation, email anna.chlebowski@utoledo.edu, felicia.guerrero@utoledo.edu or andrea.jacobs@utoledo.edu or go to the team website, http://utoledo.org/heartwalk.

There is a $35 registration fee for the 10K run, which will start at 9:45 a.m. And the free walks will begin at 10 a.m.

Participants who raise $100 or more in pledges are eligible for a free T-shirt, while supplies last, from the American Heart Association. A limited number of T-shirts also will be available for those on the UT team who raise funds.

“It is the American Heart Association’s goal to improve cardiovascular health in all Americans by 20 percent by 2020; I want to be a part of that movement,” Jacobs said. “Bringing a family member or a buddy to the event is a great way to educate yourself about this disease and to kick off something that you can’t get enough of — exercise.”

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The academic health-care industry also generates more than $1.8 billion in state taxes, brings in more than $710 million in National Institutes of Health research grant funding, and provides $3 billion in uncompensated care.

The Ohio Council of Medical School Deans compiles this economic impact information regularly to demonstrate the impacts of the state’s medical colleges and teaching hospitals and to better direct its collaborative efforts to meet health-care delivery challenges.

Ohio’s seven medical colleges are the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences, Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Ohio State University College of Medicine, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, Case Western Reserve School of Medicine and the Northeast Ohio Medical University Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy.

Photo courtesy of Medical Mutual

EARLY BIRDS: Dr. Gary Thieman, senior vice president for Medical Mutual, left, and Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, president of The University of Toledo, were on Main Campus last month to help start the Glass City Marathon, which began on Campus Drive and ended in the Glass Bowl. This year’s event brought in about 6,000 runners and 10,000 supporters and spectators.
New artwork adorns campuses

By Vicki L. Kroll

A silver dragonfly shimmers in the sunlight in Ravin Plaza on Centennial Mall. A tall, yellow work reminiscent of origami rises on the east side of the Collier Building. And a long-legged loper strides across the mall in front of the Memorial Field House and the Student Union.

Pamela Reithmeier’s 100-pound stainless steel “Dragonfly,” Brian Ferriby’s painted steel “Semaphore” and John Merigian’s “Ensemble 1” are three of the 10 new pieces installed for the seventh annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition.

More than 100 entries were submitted for consideration to the Midwest Sculpture Initiative. The UT Campus Beautification Committee reviewed the submissions and selected the sculptures that were installed earlier this month.

“The placement of the new sculptures each spring is an exciting event for the University,” said Dr. Steven LeBlanc, executive associate dean of academic affairs in the College of Engineering and chair of the Campus Beautification Committee. “We hope that the entire UT community will enjoy the beauty of this artwork that we have brought to the campus.”

Todd Kime’s 700-pound “Through,” a colorful doorway complete with glass accents, beckons north of Ottawa House East and West. Jim Gallucci’s “Garden Gate” offers a gray, metal portal with an ivy theme in Ravin Plaza on Centennial Mall.

“Alchemy of Time,” a blazing figure composed of aluminum rods by Bruce Hathaway, sits near the west entrance of Gillham Hall. And Mike Sohikian’s “Homage to Iron Work” pays tribute to da Vinci in this steel, cast iron and stainless steel kinetic sculpture atop the hill on the west side of University Hall.

Glenn Zweygardt’s steel “Liminal State” weighs in at 1,800 pounds on the east side of Dowling Hall. “28” by Calvin Babich is located near East Rocket Drive by the Student Recreation Center, and Ray Katz’s “Sentinel,” 400 pounds of welded, fabricated and painted steel, can be found on the east side of the Health and Human Services Building.

All artists received a stipend for their works, which will remain on display for the next year.

This exhibition is funded by the Campus Beautification Committee.

“The motto of the committee is ‘The beauty of the campus is our gift to the future,’” LeBlanc said.

He stressed that the annual exhibit is made possible through donor gifts: “If members of the campus community would like to see this exhibit continue, they should please consider a donation to the Campus Beautification Fund through the UT Foundation.”

The University owns 16 sculptures to complement the annual works on display.