

PSA *VOICE*

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Matt Wise

Matt is an Enterprise Application Architect in the Information Technology office

How long have you been a Rocket and in what capacity?

I graduated from UT in 1999 and returned to UT after 15 years working in the private sector. I have worked at UT in Information Technology for 7 years as an Enterprise Application Architect.

How would you describe your job?

My job is interesting and challenging. No one day is the same as the next. I help design applications, write programs, trouble

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

April is here, which means it is time to begin the nomination process for the second annual Frank E. Horton Outstanding Professional Staff Association Award. This award is given to a member of the PSA who demonstrates exemplary support, advocacy, and service to professional staff at The University of Toledo. Nominations will be accepted from April 16-27. Please watch your email for the nomination link and further details!



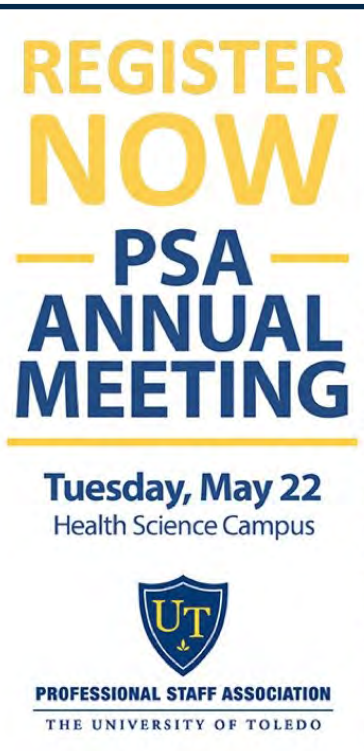
Last month, the Professional Staff Council announced that it will sponsor four PSA members to attend the Lessons in LeadHERship conference on April 17. Over 45 staff submitted their names for the March drawing and by random selection, the following PSA members were chosen: Heather Frost, Maggie Garcia, Mary Ann Schuster, and Mingli Xiao. Congratulations to these four! We look forward to hearing about their experience. Have a happy spring, and ***Go Rockets!***

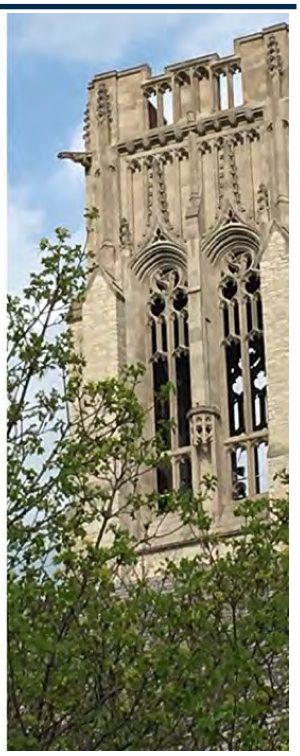
Lori DeShetler, PhD

Register NOW for the PSA Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd in the Health Ed Bldg. Room 100 on the HSC

CLICK TO REGISTER.

Join us for a recap of the past year, presentation of scholarship recipients, silent auctions, and the announcement of the winner of this year's Frank E. Horton Outstanding Professional Staff Award. All of this—plus food!





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shoot software issues and lead various I.T. projects focusing on improving process efficiency.

What distinguishes UT from other workplaces?

The University of Toledo is an excellent place to work. The environment is very team oriented and people are always willing to help if in need. Though the work is substantial, there is a balance between life and work.

What resources from UT are your "must-haves" to perform your job?

In my field I must have a computer and special software; without that, I am not going to get much accomplished. It also helps to work with Individuals who are willing to adapt to the ever changing technology.

What is your favorite thing about UT?

I really enjoy the fact that I get to help individuals. Whether it is using technology to increase process efficiency, designing applications for various users or helping a student with a technical problem - all make me feel like I am making a contribution to UT.

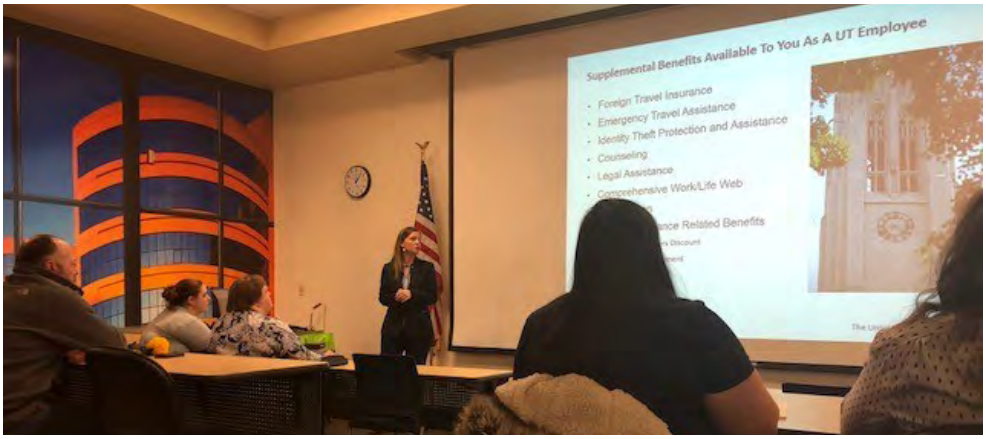
Can you tell us something about yourself that most people don't know or would be surprised to learn?

I am pretty transparent, but some people may not know that I enjoy classic cars. I have helped restore a 1947 Ford truck and a 1964 Chevy Nova.

BURIED BENEFITS—UNBURIED!

Kate Johnson, Benefits Planning and Administration Manager, presented "Buried Benefits" to over 30 PSA members at the March 22 professional development seminar. The supplemental benefits included assistance in areas ranging from foreign travel insurance to identify theft protection and are available to all PSA members. Kate highlighted some of the best and most underutilized aid we have here at UT. She also demonstrated some of the online resources through Impact Solutions which provides webinars, financial assistance and counseling services. Couldn't make it? In case you missed it or want to revisit it, Kate's presentation can be found on the PSA Professional Development webpage.







Professional Staff Association has a Facebook page! Like and follow us for announcements, event photos, and the occasional fun, motivational post! Want to be in the spotlight, or know someone who should? Nominate yourself or a colleague for a Spotlight feature in an upcoming newsletter with our new web nomination form, available on the PSA website. Have news to share or wish to serve on a committee? Send an email to utpsc@utoledo.edu



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MAKE NOISE IN THE LIBRARY!

Libraries are reinventing themselves in the 21st century, and Carlson Library is leading by example. The renovations to the library in 2017 have established Carlson Library as a true learning commons at The University of Toledo. Of course, there are still stacks of books (you can even request books for the library to purchase), but the University Libraries also curate and provide a great deal of digital content, which means more room for collaborative learning space.

Dr. Beau Case, Dean of University Libraries, affectionately calls the new second floor of Carlson "the noisy floor," and even has plans to incorporate a Starbucks café in the coming year. This open floor space provides a social learning atmosphere, complete with a variety of seating spaces that range from high-top tables and stools to booth-style seats along the new glass curtain that overlooks campus. Nooks of whiteboards carve out group learning spaces, with dry erase markers available for check out at the Circulation Desk.

If you are in need of a social but private space, University Libraries make some of their conference and classrooms available for reservation to faculty and staff, including an Echo360 model classroom with full media capabilities. Various rooms can accommodate anywhere from 10 to 80 people and some even allow catering. These rooms are only available for university-related activities and are free of charge to all UT faculty and staff with a valid library record in good standing (hint: your employee I.D. is your library card!) To reserve a room, email libraryreservations@utoledo.edu.

GET YOUR TICKETS!

P-S-A AT THE BALLGAME

TOLEDO MUD HENS VS. NORFOLK TIDES

SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH 4:05 PM

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KIDS RUN THE BASES
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