

PSA *VOICE*

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT
DEMOND PRYOR

Demond is the Director of the Office of Recreational Services in the Student Affairs division

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

I have been at the University of Toledo as the Director of the Office of Recreational Services for two years.

How would you describe your job?

I have the best position at the university because I have the outstanding opportunity to positively impact the lives of students, faculty, staff,

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We find ourselves again at the end of another semester. Wrapping up and preparing for the next. During this time of year it is easy to feel overwhelmed with worthy causes and the desire to help so many. As we approach the end of the ***UTC3 Simply Give*** campaign, you still have the opportunity to help many in need with the click of a button. You would be surprised to find out how far even the smallest contribution can go. Did you know that your donation can be spread out over 20 pay periods in 2017? Or, that you can designate exactly where you'd like your money to go? If a financial contribution isn't something possible, the PSC is planning on highlighting more service options for community involvement in the coming months. Until then, I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends and celebrate what matters most over the next several weeks. 2017 is shaping up to be a memorable one for the PSA, as we are entering our Silver Anniversary—celebrating 25 years as a recognized organization in the University of Toledo . ***Go Rockets!***



Elissa Falcone, MBA



The Chair of the PSA Scholarship Committee, Deb Krohn, is pleased to announce the application window for the 2017/2018 PSA Scholarship Fund is now open. We are hoping to raise $2500 this year in honor of the PSA's 25th Anniversary. If every PSA member donated only $2 to the fund, we will surpass our goal! You can donate via the *Donate Now* link at the bottom of the PSA webpage. Get the word out!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT continued

alumni and community members as they seek to participate in healthy lifestyle options!!

What distinguishes UT from other workplaces?

The great opportunities that are in front of us as a university and how we are beginning to be truly a student-centered environment.

What resources are a 'must have' to perform your job?

Willing and positive campus partners in order to bring about wonderful opportunities for those that utilize Recreational Services here at UT.

What is your favorite thing about UT?

Without question it's the students!!

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

I'm not sure if many would be surprised, but I am an ordained minister and have been since 2002. I started preaching/became a licensed minister, 20 years ago when I was 19 years old and a freshman in college while attending Central Michigan University.





THREE PSA MEMBERS REPRESENT UT IN GHANA STUDY ABROAD

Sarah Clark (Director, Global Engagement & Education Abroad) - pictured on the left, Shawna Babula (Success Coach), and Emily Creamer (Assistant Director, Engineering Transfer Program) visited the University of Ghana as representatives of UT to experience the USAC's (University Studies Abroad Consortium) study abroad program in Africa. With 11 other higher education faculty and staff, they attended classes at the university, visited an experimental learning site and toured historical landmarks. *More on next page*.

Have a suggestion for our next newsletter? Ever considered nominating someone for the Spotlight feature? Did you attend a PSA or UT event and have pictures to share? Let us know with a simple email to utpsc@utoledo.edu

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TALK OF THE TOWN

Angela Tennaro and Christ Watson from the local Westgate Toastmasters Club conducted two workshops on November 3rd & 9th for over 25 PSA members, who then put their new skills to use by engaging in Table Topics, where you present on a random topic for two minutes. All PSA members are invited to attend the weekly meetings on Friday mornings from 7—8:30 am at West Park Place on Executive Pkwy. to improve presentation skills!



Above: **Table talk with the Toastmasters .**

Right: **Participants in the USAC trip to Ghana stand in Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, in the capital city of Accra. Dr. Nkrumah , the first Prime Minister of Ghana, is interred here at the mausoleum.**

PSA MEMBERS ARE "ACES!"

Over 24 University of Toledo staff and faculty, including PSA members, and President Sharon Gaber, participated in the 18th Annual ACE Women's Network Ohio conference November 4, held at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, OH. The theme was *Stepping Up: Promoting and Supporting Women's Leadership,* and topics included staff advancement, mentoring and sponsoring women, and women of color in leadership positions, among many others.



Above: **UT staff and faculty gather with Dr. Sharon Gaber**



"Simply Give" to UTC3

UT's annual community charitable campaign runs through Wednesday, December 28. Every dollar counts towards the $125K goal which will support four federations this year.

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