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

I have been a Rocket for 25 years first as a student, then as a staff member in Fall Quarter 1991. Yes, when UT was on the quarter system and the College of Graduate Studies was the Graduate School!

How would you describe your job?

Interesting and challenging! The College of Graduate Studies is in many ways a microcosm of the University, the community and the global community. It is wonderful to work with a diverse group of faculty, staff and students. I have been involved with numerous aspects of graduate educa-

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

October is a great time to get involved and show your Rocket pride. The month kicks off with weeklong island-inspired activities to celebrate Homecoming. PSC committees will continue to unveil events for the upcoming year including an informal lunch mingle with fellow PSA members and Council on Friday, October 13 from 12-1:30 p.m. in the Main Campus Student Union (first floor near the credit union). Most importantly, we want to highlight the Day of Giving on Thursday, October 12. Please consider making a donation, as small as $1 or as much as you are comfortable giving, to help current and future students as well as the community. If you want to pay through Payroll Deduction and designate where you want your donation to go, click **Donate Now** , select *UT Employee* and log in with your UTAD credentials. We encourage you to donate your gift to the Professional Staff Association Scholarship. Please put October 12 on your calendar to participate in the 2017 Rocket Forward: You Launch Lives! ***Go Rockets!***



Lori DeShetler, PhD

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tion over the years that has encompassed working with faculty, staff and students.

What distinguishes UT from other workplaces?

UT is multi-faceted. In addition to educating students, the university has a medical center, conducts research, boasts D1 athletics, hosts renowned speakers, and is one of the largest employers in the area. There is always something happening!

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

Supportive colleagues across the university. So much of what we do is inter-connected, communication and collegiality are key. UT's website is a wealth of information.

What is your favorite thing about UT?

As one of my colleagues has stated "I get to work in a castle". University Hall's collegiate Gothic architecture is one of the most recognizable buildings in the city. It is beautiful and wonderfully unique.

Can you tell us something about yourself that most people would be surprised to learn?

I was born in Hawaii, but only lived there for one year before my family settled back in Pittsburgh. I moved to Toledo at the age of 9 and have stayed in the area since.

Silver Anniversary Question

What has made you most proud to be a UT employee for the last 25+ years?

Being a part of a mutually enriching environment.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

The Toledo Academic Advising Association (TACADA), the professional organization for academic advisors, success coaches, and direct student service providers at UT, has taken their monthly information sessions on the road! Their first field trip was on Friday, September 22, where they toured the newly renovated Carlson Library including the offices for Library Services, the Learning Enhancement Center, Supplemental Instruction, the Writing Center, and TRIO.

"These field trips are taking the typical information [members] may hear during an information session and making it less of a lecture and more of an experience," explained Emily Creamer, chair of the organization.

Upcoming TACADA field trips planned include:

Friday, October 6th at 11:00 a.m.: Office of Undergraduate Admissions (mock DHS presentation and campus tour)

Friday, November 3rd at 1:00 p.m.: Office of Multicultural Student Services

TACADA membership is free to all student service staff at UT. If you are interested in receiving updates on these and other sessions, please contact TACADA@Utoledo.edu.



Members of TACADA check out the newly renovated Carlson Library which offers a "world of opportunity" for all.

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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Go to https://influenza.utoledo.edu and select the Vaccination Schedule link for times and locations of flu vaccinations!

YOGA ON THE MALL

As part of Weeks of Welcome, PSA partnered with the University's Healthy Campus Coalition to provide a fun way to relieve stress. On Monday, September 18th two Yoga on the Mall sessions were offered on Centennial Mall. Both sessions were open to all UT faculty, staff and students. Look out for more events that support a culture of wellness here at UT!



Dr. Melissa Gregory of the English Department leads a yoga session in Centennial Mall on a gorgeous fall day. She also taught English 2730, "Poetry of the Body" , which incorporated yoga and is a yoga instructor in addition to faculty member here at UT.





"NUDGING" STUDENTS TO SUCCEED:
A MODEL OF AN IMPACTFUL
COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Presented by
Sarah Bargardi, Aleiah Jones and Marissa Reid

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3:30-5:00 PM
ROCKET HALL 1530

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