

PSA VOICE

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Deb Sobczak

Deb is the Director of Student Services in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

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

I'm a Rocket in many capacities; as an avid football fan since the 70s and an employee since 1995. I am an alum (COBI), a spouse to an alum (UNV), a mom to an alum (CPPS) and currently a student (PACE).

How would you describe your job?

I have 2 jobs. 1. Director of Student Services—CPPS. Best. Job. Ever. I serve as an academic adviser to some of the most car-

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I hope all of you had a great summer and enjoyed the sunshine and warm weather! The Professional Staff Council is happy to welcome new members and has already started working on many different projects for this next year. As we head into the fall, please watch for information on professional development opportunities for PSA along with other fun events that will allow PSA members to engage with each other while providing financial support to our scholarship fund. If you have any ideas on events or if you have any questions, comments, or concerns you would like to bring to council's attention, please email professionalstaffcouncil@utoledo.edu or utpc@utoledo.edu . We look forward to what this next year will bring and ***Go Rockets!***



Jamie L. Fager

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT continued

ing and smartest students on campus! It is a true pleasure getting to know them as they pursue their academic and career goals. 2. Chair of the PSA Sick Leave Bank. Our committee works with HR to provide help for members in need. Please note that Open Enrollment will be held in October this year!

What distinguishes UT from other workplaces?

The wonderful opportunity to meet, interact with, and learn from an intelligent and diverse community.

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

My colleagues and other campus offices/ departments (e.g. coaches, registrar, math, chem, bio, etc.). It is definitely a team effort to help our students be successful.

What is your favorite thing about UT?

Besides students? The sounds of campus: bells in the clock tower or the drum line practicing before fall semester begins. Makes me smile every time!

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

My passion is travel. This love started when I was 21 and did the proverbial "road trip," camping with friends over 2 months and 23 states! I was hooked! For me, the planning is almost as much fun as the actual travel. I hope to do this as a side gig for my friends and family once I retire.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018-2019 PSA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

The PSA Scholarship Committee had the honor of selecting the 2018-2019 PSA Scholarship recipients this past May. In an effort to be more inclusive, the committee collectively chose to award four recipients a $400 PSA Scholarship (listed below in alphabetical order). The students in our application pool were just so incredibly talented, and their stats and personal accomplishments were more than inspiring. Cheers to all of the outstanding applicants and awardees—we wish you the very best in your future academic endeavors and urge you to keep up the fabulous work!

Nneka Azuka:

Nneka is a senior in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, majoring in Pharmacy Administration with minors in Economics, Business, and Chemistry. She hopes to pursue graduate school in a health related field with the goal of bringing quality healthcare to all. Nneka writes, *I am someone who understands what it is like to struggle financially and I am passionate about bringing quality healthcare to those who have been or will be in the same situations I have been in*.

Taylor Harris:

Taylor is a sophomore English major. She hopes to become an attorney in order to make a difference in the world. She writes, *We are privileged to live in the democracy that we have today, but there are rules that need fixing within our government to make the country run more efficiently and smoothly. Upon receiving my law degree, I will tackle these issues at hand*.

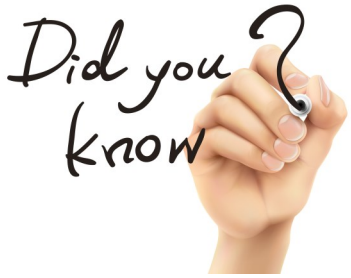
Prakash Khadka:

Prakash is a sophomore from Nepal, majoring in Computer Science Engineering. His career goal is to digitize Nepal. He writes, *I always wanted to help in the development of my nation. I always wanted to fulfill my responsibility towards my nation. I wanted to run my own project in my country to find the solutions of internet and communication problems in rural parts*.

Danielle Smolka:

Danielle is a sophomore majoring in Social Work. Danielle hopes to become an advocate for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. She writes, *I would also love to be a public speaker for awareness, education, and prevention of sexual assault in elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools. My goal for this would be to give presentations to students or possibly start programs at schools in which the students are taught what sexual violence is, how to recognize it, and what to do if they are in this type of situation*.

Please see the next page for updates on the Scholarship Committee activities and plans for the 2019-2020 award!



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.

Wish to serve on a committee? Visit the committee pages (links located at the top right of this page) to read the committee charge, and then send an email to the committee co/chair to be included on committee communications and future activities.

Questions, concerns, compliments, creative input? Send an email to utpsc@utoledo.edu



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PSA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Professional Staff Council is in the midst of planning future fundraising initiatives in the coming year. We will be sure to reach out to fellow PSA members with more details in regards to specific initiatives in hopes to continue to build the PSA Scholarship Fund for years to come.

Fellow community supporters interested in contributing to the PSA Scholarship are invited to do so via the Professional Staff Association Scholarship donation page, which is set up in conjunction with the UT Foundation and open throughout the year.

Our primary fund raising event for the PSA Scholarship takes place at the annual PSA Meeting in May, where this year we collected over $989.00. Additionally, the Fundraising Committee raised an additional $569.35 through various initiatives throughout the year (e.g., Holiday Bazaar and Blaze Pizza).

Special thanks to all who donated their time, energy, gifts-in-kind, and financial contributions to the Professional Staff Association Scholarship fund! Your support, (attending a fundraising event, donating or bidding on silent auction items, contributing to the fund through the UT Foundation, volunteering to serve on the committee or volunteer at an event, and more) is greatly appreciated and your generous contributions to the PSA Scholarship will allow us to continue to reward outstanding University of Toledo students in years to come!

The PSA Scholarship and Communications Committees are in the process of updating this year's PSA Scholarship Application for the 2019 – 2020 academic year to make it even more accessible. The application is set to open in October 2018 and close in March 2019. Please visit our webpage for more details about scholarship eligibility and a list of past winners.

Moving forward, the Professional Staff Council respectfully asks for your continued support in order to allow us to award such deserving students here at The University of Toledo. As always, please feel free to call or email with any additional questions, concerns, or recommendations. Thank you!

–Deb Krohn, PSA Scholarship Chair
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2018-2019 PSC

We welcome some fresh faces to council this year, and congratulate the following members elected to lead the council

Jamie Fager - Chair
Melissa Gleckler - Vice-Chair
James Molnar - Secretary
Aleiah Jones - Treasurer

Visit the PSA webpage for information on members, council, committees, staff awards, and past issues of the newsletter. www.utoledo.edu/org/psa

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