

*Working to Support and Enhance the Academic Journey*

## **NEWS & EVENTS**

### **Semi-Finalist for Make a Difference Day**

The University of Toledo's Office of Service Learning and Community Engagement was selected as a semi-finalist for their Make a Difference Day projects. Over 1,000 projects took place throughout Ohio; being chosen as one of 33 semi-finalists is a proud accomplishment.

### **688 Students + 11,000 Hours = \$220,000**

Throughout the 2008-2009 academic year, 688 UT students completed over 11,000 hours of service. This is valued at over \$220,000 by the Independent Sector. The Independent Sector is the leadership forum for charities, foundations, and corporate giving programs committed to advancing the common good in America and around the world.

### **BEGINNING the Academic Journey**

Beginning the Academic Journey class, formerly known as FYI, has been transformed with a new title, new text book and new course lessons. Faculty who will teach the new Beginning the Academic Journey (BAJ) class were trained on active learning and new ideas for teaching the class were shared. BAJ Faculty members are encouraged to incorporate the First Read book, *Listening Is an Act of Love*, into classroom activities. An enhanced website has also been developed to provide helpful tools and information for BAJ instructors at [www.utoledo.edu/utlc/baj](http://www.utoledo.edu/utlc/baj).

### **Assessment Forum**

The University Assessment Committee's Training and Development Subcommittee, chaired by Tracy Long Romer, UTLC Assessment Manager, hosted a very successful Assessment Forum on April 8, 2009. A total of 65 faculty, staff, and administrators, from both campuses, participated in this open forum brown bag lunch and panel discussion.

The panel consisted of Ron Opp, who gave an overview of the University's assessment history, Marcia King-Blandford, who gave an overview of the Higher Learning Commission's & Ohio Board of Regents' perspectives on assessment, Bin Ning, who gave an overview of Institutional Research resources, and Karen Rhoda, who discussed university assessment tools and the selection process.

The event was intended to inform the campus community about the accomplishments and progress made by the University Assessment Committee, to date, and to discuss the current state of assessment practices at the university, along with the road ahead. It was the first of many events being planned by this committee. Expect to hear about more opportunities for assessment training and development at the beginning of the Fall semester.

### **University College Degree Completion Information Session**

University College Degree Programs held two information sessions for potential students to learn about maximizing transfer credit, online classes and ways to build your own programs of study to meet unique career goals. Sessions were held on Thursday evening, June 4 and Saturday morning, June 6 in Rocket Hall. Participants submitted applications the day of the event and several re-admit students made appointments to meet with an adviser.

## **Toledo EXCEL Graduates 47 High School Seniors**

On Sunday, June 14 the Office of EXCELLENCE 's TOLEDO EXCEL program will host a commencement ceremony for TOLEDO EXCEL Group XVII and the induction of Group XXI at The University of Toledo, Nitschke Auditorium with a reception to follow. The graduating class is from Group XVII, here are class highlights:

- 100% graduation rate: All 47 TOLEDO EXCEL Students will graduate high school. Out of those, 37 have fulfilled the EXCEL requirements and will participate in the graduation ceremony.
- 87% will be attending The University of Toledo on scholarship
- GPA Outcomes:
  - Average graduate GPA is 3.43
  - Highest GPA is 4.46
  - 6 students earning above a 4.0 GPA
  - 1 student is valedictorian of their high school class
- Average ACT Score: 23, highest scores 31 composite, 35 (science)
- Total group community service hours earned during high school is 3261.75

## **Inaugural TECHS Graduation**

On Thursday, May 21, 2009 the Toledo Early College High School (TECHS) held its inaugural graduation ceremony in Nitschke Auditorium on the UT campus. Forty-three students were recognized as the first graduating class in TECHS's history. Forty-two of the graduates have been admitted and will be attending UT full time this fall.

Located on the Scott Park campus, TECHS is operated by Toledo Public Schools in partnership with UT. Students enrolled in TECHS must meet one or more of the following criteria: first generation to go to college, English is not their primary language, or an ethnic minority. Students have the opportunity to earn up to 60 college credits while attending high school. College credits can apply towards both their high school diploma and college degree. Most students in the first graduating class earned 50 or more college credits by the time they completed the program. TECHS is a Gates school having received a start up grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Dr. Dennis Lettman serves as the University liaison to the TECHS school.

## **SAAS Performance Highlights**

Student Athletic Academic Services (SAAS) Spring semester 2009 academic performance highlights:

- The Spring 2009 semester GPA for student-athletes across all teams is 3.157, the highest department GPA recorded ever since 1991. Previous highest semester GPA was 3.059 in 2006.
- In addition to their success on the field, a disciplined effort in the classroom earned the Women's Soccer team top honors for the highest semester team GPA with a 3.685
- Of UT's 336 student-athletes, 192 earned a 3.00 or higher GPA, a rate of 57% which marks the eleventh consecutive semester in which over half achieved this status. Twenty-four student-athletes earned a perfect 4.00 this semester, and 113, or one third of all student-athletes, secured spots on the Dean's List for earning at least a 3.50
- Eleven teams earned a GPA of at least 3.00

## **SAAS Launches a New Web Site**

Student Athletic Academic Services has launched a new web site. Learn more about their services for student-athletes by visiting [www.utoledo.edu/utlc/saas](http://www.utoledo.edu/utlc/saas).

## Learning Enhancement Center Sees Over 15,000 Center Visits in 2008-2009

The Learning Enhancement Center (LEC) had many students utilizing their tutoring services and other programming over the past academic year:

	<u>Fall08</u>	<u>Spring09</u>
Registrations	1,720	1,325
Center Visits	8,478	7,110
Tutors & Office Assistants	56	57
Hours Open Weekly	54	54

LEC Tutors in the following subjects: Math (all undergraduate), Science (biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy & physiology), Business (finance, accounting, business statistics), and Foreign Languages (Spanish, French, German, Japanese)

### The LEC's annual event: The Olympiad

The Olympiad is held every fall during the fifth week of the semester. The event is four fun-filled days of interactive and learning workshops open to all UT students. The LEC partnered last year with the following organizations: First Year Experience, Carlson Library, Career Services, Huntington Bank, Student Support Services, Community Wellness & Health Programs, ROTC, and Office of Accessibility to make the event a tremendous success for the eighth year.

The Olympiad had a total of 39 faculty and staff lead workshops. They saw an 85% increase in attendance from 2007 to 2008: 4,800 participants in 2008 compared to 2,600 participants in 2007. They had an average attendance per workshop of 100+ students. The 2009 Olympiad is scheduled for September 21- 24

### LEC TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

	<u>Fall08</u>	<u>Spring09</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>Training Sessions</u></b>			
Tutor Training	4	3	7
SI Leader Training	4	3	7
<b><u>Workshops/One-on-One:</u></b>			
Nursing Students	1	20	21
Study Skills/Strategies	12	17	29
Greek Life – Study Strategies	3	3	6
Praxis Workshops	6 (Reading)	6 (Reading)	12
	6 (Math)	6 (Math)	12
	5 (One-on-One)	1 (One-on-One)	<u>6</u>
		Total	<u>100</u>

## **UCDP Spring Commencement Highlights**

University College Degree Programs (UCDP) held its semi-annual commencement recognition ceremony and dessert reception on Friday, May 8, 2009 in the Student Union Ingman Room. UCDP celebrated the degree achievement of 115 spring and summer graduates, including 12 that achieved cum laude honors or higher. University College Degree Programs also recognized their annual award winners; Jennifer Beaver was presented the Distinguished Achievement Award for overcoming adversity and maintaining scholarship and service in attaining her degree; and Janelle Sofranko and Shannon Sweeney were both named Outstanding Scholars for having the highest UT grade point average of all UCDP students: Both earned a perfect 4.0! The evening program featured musical accompaniment by the jazz trio, Damen Cook and Friends, and inspirational words from special guest speaker, Charlene Gilbert, Director of the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women and Professor here at UT. The next commencement celebration will take place Friday, December 17, 2009.

## **OUTSTANDING STUDENTS and ALUMS**

### **Albert is Selected to Serve on the UT AA BOT**

University College alum Bernie Albert has been named to The University of Toledo Alumni Association board of trustees. Albert will serve a two-year term.

### **Lifelong Dream of College Diploma to Come True for 84-year-old**

It's never too late to start or finish your degree. Elizabeth (Betty) J. Smith graduated from The University of Toledo's University College Degree Programs Sunday, May 10, at the age of 84. Smith graduated from Florence High School in Wisconsin in 1942 as the class valedictorian and was offered scholarships to three schools. "There wasn't enough money to go to school and women didn't usually go to college," she said.

Unable to pursue her college dream at that time, she moved to Chicago and worked as a bookkeeper. She married Hoyt Ensign and moved to Toledo, where they raised their two daughters. After their children graduated college, her family encouraged her to return to her studies.

Smith graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in adult liberal studies with a 3.5 GPA. Her senior thesis focuses on strategies on aging, health and gerontology, and touches on her own personal experiences. She said she enjoyed the face-to-face interaction with students of all ages and participating in study groups. "Elizabeth personifies the idea that it is never too late to start or finish an undergraduate degree," said Director of University College Degree Programs Kim Pollauf. "She is an inspiration to anyone who ever doubted the ability to achieve success at a later point in life."

Story in UT News: [http://utnews.utoledo.edu/index.php/05\\_20\\_2009/senior-graduates-after-16-years-of-classes](http://utnews.utoledo.edu/index.php/05_20_2009/senior-graduates-after-16-years-of-classes)

### **uncut Film Festival Winners**

The fourth annual *uncUT Film Festival* was held Sunday, April 5 with over 150 in attendance. The film festival winners include:

First Place      **The Gold Stars**

Kara Aldenderfer and Kari Thomas

Second Place    **College – The Video Game**

Hillarie Meiring, Brittany Colin, Carina Cornieles, Allie Helms and Samuel Border

Third Place      **Fezzita**

Carrie Kline, Sarah Rowley, Ben Furtwengler and Solomia Stasiouk

## University College Degree Programs Awards Scholarship for 2009-2010 Academic Year

University College awarded the following scholarships to students enrolled in University College Degree Programs for the upcoming academic year:

Dean Mary Ann Heinrichs Scholarship	\$1,400	Gursher Harika
Edith Rathbun Scholarship	\$2,400	Julia Wilson Champa
Edith Rathbun Scholarship	\$2,400	Jone Catchings
Edith Rathbun Scholarship	\$2,400	Jacquelyn Dixon
Edith Rathbun Scholarship	\$2,400	Barbara Sharrer
Joanne L. and Ralph C. Cline Scholarship	\$ 500	DeShawn Jackson
William and Jean Vaughan Scholarship	\$2,300	Michael Vasko
Women's Advertising Club Scholarship	\$ 800	Nila Jennings

## Going the Distance: University College Graduates 17 Online Learners

The University of Toledo's University College Degree Programs graduated its largest entirely online class Sunday, May 10. Seventeen students from as far away as Florida graduated with either an adult liberal studies or interdisciplinary individualized degree.

According to Dean Dennis Lettman, University College has long held the tradition of serving adult students through flexible and adaptable degree programs and course scheduling. "I am so proud that the new technology now available to deliver courses at a distance has enabled students from around the country and the globe to achieve their dream of a quality college education," he said. "Congratulations to all our graduates!"

Among this distance-learning class, University College recognized three award winners:

Janelle Stone-Sofranko from Columbus was recognized as an Outstanding Scholar for 2009. She graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in adult liberal studies with a focus in women's studies. She believes strongly in the empowerment of women and has dedicated her studies to working with survivors of domestic violence. She feels it is her personal responsibility to do her part to end social injustices, particularly toward women and children.

Shannon Sweeney from Tampa, Fla., also was recognized as an Outstanding Scholar for 2009. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies with an individualized program. She is a member of the UT chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and a member of the U.S Air Force. Sweeney is stationed at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, where she met her husband, an Ohio native. She plans to continue her education in the master of liberal studies program online this fall to keep her busy while her husband serves a tour in Iraq.

Jennifer Beaver from Toledo received the 2009 Distinguished Achievement Award. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in adult liberal studies. Jennifer began college directly out of high school; however, life got in the way of her education. She returned to college after eight years, resolved to finish her education at The University of Toledo, where she enrolled as a full-time student while working full time and raising a family. In 2006, her husband became ill, and she cared for him while he underwent treatments, all while raising their son, being pregnant with their daughter and studying full time to maintain her GPA. Beaver is a first-generation graduate and will begin working on her juris doctorate at the UT College of Law this fall.

University College, one of 11 colleges at The University of Toledo, specializes in degree completion options and bachelor's degrees for individuals with unique areas of interest.

## UT's Kent in Dunk Contest



By [MAUREEN FULTON](#), BLADE SPORTS WRITER

Tyrone Kent dazzled University of Toledo basketball fans for four years with his dunking prowess. Now he'll get the opportunity to do the same in front of a national television audience.

Kent, a 6-foot-5, 210-pound guard, was selected to participate in ESPN's slam dunk contest on at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The event, part of the run-up to the Final

Four in Detroit, also features a 3-point shooting contest

A second-team All-Mid-American Conference selection as a senior, Kent is one of eight contestants in the slam-dunk portion. "I thought, hey, why not?" Kent said. "I definitely practice them on my own sometimes." Other known competitors are Central Florida's Jermaine Taylor, Wisconsin-Green Bay's Terry Evans, New Mexico's Tony Danridge and Charlotte's Charlie Coley III.

A Chicago native, Kent had several memorable dunks in his UT career, many in the closing seconds of games. One came in a first-round MAC tourney game his freshman year against Bowling Green, when he took off near the free throw line. In 2008, Kent won a game for UT against Kent State with a slam dunk with 0.1 seconds left. This season, in the final home game against Northern Illinois, he dunked with three seconds left to seal the game. "This is a great opportunity for Tyrone and we're glad he was chosen to represent our program," UT coach Gene Cross said. "He possesses a lot of athletic ability and this will give him a chance to display those skills."

Kent has participated in one other dunk contest, when he was a senior in high school. He came in second place, but only because he had recently had stitches removed after an emergency appendectomy, he said. Kent has been playing every day since the Rockets' season ended March 10 and said he will prepare a few special dunks. "I'm going to make it a surprise," he said.

*Editor's note:* Kent is seeking a bachelor's degree in Individualized Program – Interdisciplinary Studies in University College Degree Program.

## UT's Moore, Herbert Get Deals

FROM STAFF AND NEWS SERVICES

Two former University of Toledo football players have signed undrafted free-agent deals with NFL teams. Wide receiver Nick Moore has signed with the Minnesota Vikings, and safety Tyrrell Herbert has signed with the Buffalo Bills. In 2008, Moore led the Rockets with 78 catches and had 779 receiving yards with one touchdown. He started all four years for UT and had eight touchdown receptions in 2007. Moore, 6-foot-4, 193 pounds out of Westerville, Ohio, is fourth on UT's all-time receiving list with 182 catches. His brother, New Orleans Saints receiver Lance Moore, is first. Last season, Herbert led the team with four interceptions, including a 100-yard interception return for a touchdown in UT's victory over Michigan. A 6-foot-2, 201-pound Pittsburgh native, Herbert forced two fumbles and was third on the team with 79 tackles in 2008. He was a three-year starter and free safety for the Rockets and a two-year captain. "I'm very excited," Herbert said. "I'm going to do my best to make the team. Hopefully, I'll be sticking around." Both will participate in rookie minicamps with their teams this weekend.

*Editor's Note:* Moore and Herbert were enrolled in University College Degree Programs.

## Tennis Player to Attend NCAA Student-Athlete Development Conference



By Paul Helgren :UT News - May 1st, 2009

Sophomore men's tennis player Gursher Harika has been selected to represent The University of Toledo at the 2009 NCAA Student-Athlete Development Conference May 24-27 at Disney's Yacht and Beach Club Resorts in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Harika, an interdisciplinary studies major in University College from Mansa, India, is one of 700 student-athletes chosen among a candidate pool of about 2,000 nominations from NCAA Division I, II and III institutions. Other Rocket student-athletes nominated were alternate Lyndsey Holt (women's volleyball), Molly

Cornwell (women's soccer) and Jean-Hubert Trahan (men's golf).

"It's great to see 'G-man' land this incredible opportunity," said Head Men's Tennis Coach Al Wermer. "This guy is the most articulate and resourceful young man you can imagine. He has remarkable leadership traits beyond his years."

The 13th annual conference will provide NCAA student-athletes with a forum to openly discuss issues that may affect them on their campuses and in their communities, while also providing an opportunity to enhance their leadership, communication, and decision-making and problem-solving skills. This leadership opportunity also promotes better communication among student-athletes, coaches, administrators, faculty and communities.

The conference consists of daily exercises and activities to help the student-athletes develop as individuals and as contributing members to a group.

Editor's note: Harika also received the Dean Mary Ann Heinrichs Scholarship from University College for the upcoming academic year.

## Undergraduate Research Summer Research Program Participants

The Office of Undergraduate Research announced 2009 summer research participants:

NAME	Department	Research Title (Faculty Mentor)
<i>FYSRE – First Year Summer Research Experience</i>		
<b>Holtzapple, David</b>	Chemistry	Preparation of Modified Aluminum Hydrides for Reducing Aldehydes and Ketones (Mark Mason)
<b>Kitson, Amanda</b>	Women's & Gender Studies	Identifying Factors Influencing Women's Choices of Medical Specialties (Jamie Barlowe)
<b>Kouckel, Marina</b>	Physics & Astro.	Search for Binaries among Protostars (S. Thomas Megeath)
<b>Landry, Ethan</b>	Kinesiology	The Effects of Knee Bracing on Dynamic Stability During Landing (Phillip Gribble)
<b>Le Melle, Hillary</b>	Biological Sciences	Exploring the role of SSAT2 in NF-k B activation (Brian Ashburner)
<b>Nagel, Colleen</b>	Environmental Sci.	Mimicking Lake Erie stratification: creating an oxygen gradient in laboratory aquaria (Thomas Bridgeman)
<b>Smith, Anthony</b>	Biological Sciences	Null alleles of the cell adhesion gene mua-2 (John Plenefisch)
<b>Wick, Zachary</b>	Mathematics	Six-Dimensional Lie Algebras (Gerald Thompson)
<b>Yeary, Justin</b>	Phil. & Literature	The Importance of Miguel de Unamuno's Niebla to Existential Thought (Susan Purviance)
<b>Zettel, Adam</b>	Biological Sciences	Regulation of Mixed Lineage Kinase 3 by Merlin (Debra Chadee)
<i>Toledo Internship</i>		
<b>Kodysh, Jeffrey</b>	Geography & Planning	Fleet & Facility (Paul Ringlein)
<b>Kupresanin, Max</b>	Pol. Sci. & Pub. Admin.	Mayor's Office (Carlton Finkbeiner)
<b>Broadbent, Lauren</b>	Business	Youth Commission (Juanita Greene)

*USRCAP - Undergraduate Summer Research & Creative Activity Program*

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<b>Bruneau, Evan</b>	Chemistry	Enantioselective Aminoxy Radical Catalyzed Oxidations with Binaphthyl (Kana Yamamoto)
<b>Easley, Sarah</b>	Speech Lang. Pathology	Facilitative Language Technique Differences Between Hearing Impaired Children and Typically Developing Children: A Comparative Study (Lori Pakulski)
<b>Elliott, Alexa</b>	Biological Sciences	HDAC-3 regulation of NF- $\kappa$ B in gene expression (Brian Ashburner)
<b>Fischbach, Robert</b>	Biological Sciences	The Downregulation of Anti-Apoptotic Proteins from the Synergism Between Pro-Apoptotic Stimuli and the Activation of the Spindle Assembly Checkpoint (William Taylor)
<b>Fray, Emily</b>	Art	Germ Warfare in Contemporary Art (Diana Attie)
<b>Hartwig, David</b>	Humanities	Documentation of the Manuscript Collection of Etheridge Knight (Thomas Barden)
<b>Klein, Rachel</b>	Kinesiology	Antagonist Muscle Co-activation: Effects of Agonist Motor Drive (Danny Pincivero)
<b>Kosik, Stephen</b>	Med. & Bio.Chem.	Investigation of a new class of modified lithium aluminum hydride reagents for selective reduction of carbonyl compounds (Viranga Tillekeratne)
<b>Lombardo, Steven</b>	Med. & Bio.Chem.	Investigating the Use of Rhamnose as a Tumor-Antigen Coupling Immunogen (Katherine Wall)
<b>Miller, Matthew</b>	Chemistry	Enantioselective Alcohol Oxidation with Camphor-derived Aminoxy Radical Organocatalyst (Kana Yamamoto)
<b>Mooney, Joshua</b>	Honors	John Steinbeck's Fascination with the Arthurian Legend (Thomas Barden)
<b>Muntean, Brian</b>	Med. & Bio.Chem.	Investigation of two key chemical transformations in the synthesis of the potential anticancer agent ponocidin (Virange Tillekeratne)
<b>Murphy, Lea</b>	Chemistry	Expression, Purification, and Biochemical analysis of the Circadian CLOCK Acetyltransferase Protein (John Bellizzi)
<b>Omar, Yasmeen</b>	Med. & Bio.Chem.	A Study of the Interaction between UNC-73 and the GEI-18/Tuba Protein (Viranga Tillekeratne)
<b>Ozga, Krzysztof</b>	Chemistry	Controlling the Diastereoselectivity of Glycosylation Reactions (Steven Sucheck)
<b>Pardee, Gabriella</b>	Environmental Sci.	A complex trophic interaction in a coffee agroecosystem: Effects of a parasitic phorid fly on ants and the coffee berry borer (Stacy Philpott)
<b>Samaroo, Lisa</b>	Pharmacy Practice	Determining Cost-savings Associated with Pharmacists' Interventions for patients with Diabetes participating in a Medication Therapy Management program (Sharrel L. Pinto)
<b>Sanchez, Kristin</b>	Psychology	What Role Does Handedness Play in Endowments Effects? The Mechanism behind the Endowment Effect: Loss Aversion or Egocentric Empathy (John Jasper)
<b>Schnapp, Alaina</b>	Pharmacology	The Effects of Ellagic Acid on Behavioral and Developmental Toxicity in Ethylmercury-exposed Zebrafish (Frederick Williams)
<b>Shah, Dhavalkumar</b>	Chemistry	Preparation of Phosphine Ligands for Use in Palladium-Catalyzed C-C Bond Formation (Mark Mason)
<b>Sizemore, Julie</b>	Biological Sciences	Determination of the Effects of HDAC1 and HDAC2 on NF- $\kappa$ B activity and Apoptosis (Brian Ashburner)
<b>Smith, Andrea</b>	Pharmacy Practice	A Systematic Review to Identify Specific Pharmacists' Interventions and Outcomes Associated with Drug Therapy (Sharrel Pinto)
<b>Spalding, Alicia</b>	Kinesiology	Effects of Exercise on Endothelial Function Following A High Fat Meal in Type 2 Diabetics (Barry Scheuermann)
<b>Swedish, Erin</b>	Psychology	The Effects of Acute Fatigue on the Quality of Forensic Interviews (Kamala London)
<b>Tiamiyu, Iyabode</b>	Biological Sciences	The Presence of Inhibitors during Drug-Induced Mitotic Blocks (William Taylor)
<b>Wash, Andrew</b>	Pharmacy Practice	Microemulsion Formulations and Their Effect on Microbial Growth (Jerry Nesamony)
<b>West, Hannah</b>	Civil Engineering	A Comparative Sustainability Analysis of Water Management Options for the Collier Building Addition of the University of Toledo (Defne Apul)
<b>Wimer, Heather</b>	Pharmacology	Evaluation of Muscarinic Agonists for Antipsychotic Activity In Rats (William Messer)
<b>Xu, Shuo</b>	Civil Engineering	Fabrication of Chloramine Microsensor for In-Situ Monitoring of chloramines in Water Distribution System (Youngwo Seo)

### **Rogers Receives the Herstrum Nursing Scholarship**

The Office of Accessibility acknowledges Robert Rogers for his recent selection as the recipient of the Melissa Herstrum Nursing Scholarship. Robert is truly driven to achieve his academic goals and aspires to be a nurse so that he can help others.

## **FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS:**

### **Lettman Presents at the Ohio Association of Community Colleges**

Dr. Dennis Lettman delivered a presentation at the Ohio Association of Community Colleges Faculty Symposium on March 6, 2009 in Columbus. Lettman's presentation was on baccalaureate degree completion programs and transferability of community college graduates into our programs. There was high interest among several community colleges. This was the first ever faculty symposium conducted by OACC and there were over 200 in attendance. Both Governor Strickland and Chancellor Fingerhut gave speeches at the conference.

### **Rockwood Presents on Academic Expectation**

Jennifer Rockwood, director of First Year Experience, will be assisting with Rocket Launch this summer and will present on academic expectations. Rockwood appeared on the *UT Nite Time* TV show to talk about first-year students.

### **Anderson and Alternative Dispute Resolution**

On March 26, Susan Andrews served as a panelist for a program on Alternative Dispute Resolution at the College of Law, which resulted in a law student "shadowing" her for a day.

### **Parson White Paper Presentation**

Mollie Parsons, the AmeriCorps\*VISTA at UT, gave her White Paper Presentation recapping her year on May 22, 2009.

### **Dobson Presents at World Conference on Science and Technology**

University College Degree Programs part-time faculty member Ken Dobson will present at the XXVI IASP World Conference on Science and Technology Parks, 2009 to be held at The Research Triangle Park and the Raleigh Convention Center (Raleigh, North Carolina), June 1-4, 2009. Dobson will discuss "Future Knowledge Ecosystems: The opportunity for science and technology parks, places, and partners." Regardless of whether a regional economy is knowledge-based or predominantly industrial, integrating newly emerging energy and environmental technologies and strategies are key to a successful future. His session will explore the potential of incorporating green practices into technology-led development, such as how the stimulus and new administration supports green development, emerging new industries and how you can tap in, and new opportunities for struggling industries such as manufacturing and creating green jobs.

## Rockwood Produces and Directs Play for Toledo Rotarians

Jennifer Rockwood produced and directed a play for the Toledo Rotarians. Rotary International is an organization of service clubs known as Rotary Clubs located all over the world. It is a secular organization open to all persons regardless of race, color, creed or political preference. There are more than 32,000 clubs and over 1.2 million members world-wide.<sup>[2]</sup> The members of Rotary Clubs are known as Rotarians. The stated purpose of the organization is to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Members usually meet weekly for breakfast, lunch or dinner, which are a social event as well as an opportunity to organize work on their service goals. Rotary's best-known motto is "Service above Self", and its secondary motto is "They profit most who serve best".<sup>[3]</sup> (wikipedia\_)

The Rotary's major fundraiser, "ITZA a Ball Saturday Night Live" was held on May 2, 2009, featuring a cast of thousands including local business men and women, CEO's, TV anchors and Toledo celebrities.

## Correction:

The TRIO-Student Support Services Program has moved to the lower level of the Carlson Library in Room 0300CL, not the Rathbun Cove as reported in an earlier issue.



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