

UT medical students learn residency matches

By Jon Strunk

At noon on March 15, thousands of medical students across the nation tore into envelopes to see where they had matched to continue their education as residents.

At The University of Toledo, 164 students matched into 22 different medical specialties at hospitals and academic medical centers spanning the nation. Nine students will continue their medical education at UT Medical Center, and an additional nine matched at hospitals in northwest Ohio.

“UT medical students have an incredibly strong history of excellence when it comes to matching with elite residencies throughout the country, and this year’s class has carried on that tradition,” said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, chancellor and executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

continued on p. 3



Photo by Daniel Miller

CONGRATS! Matthew Dawson, left, and Joseph Potter celebrated after learning they both matched at Ohio State University — Dawson in physical medicine and rehabilitation, and Potter in anesthesiology.



Photo by Haraz N. Ghanbari

SPECIAL GUEST: Elin Suleymanov, the Republic of Azerbaijan ambassador to the United States, visited the University last week and gave a lecture on “Azerbaijan and U.S. Relations.” It was a homecoming for him; Suleymanov received a master of public administration degree from UT in 1994. In 2011, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev appointed Suleymanov as ambassador. Prior to that, Suleymanov had been the nation’s first consul general to Los Angeles and the Western states; he led a team that established an Azerbaijani diplomatic presence on the West Coast. Suleymanov’s visit was sponsored by the Center for International Studies and Programs.

UT, Digerati launch free, statewide student/business matching program

By Jon Strunk

Internships for college students can be a hit or miss proposition. A successful match may lead to a job and a career. An unsuccessful match may find the student bored and the business dissatisfied and hesitant to hire interns in the future.

For the last month, University of Toledo students have been able to pre-register for a new program called Intern in Ohio, which uses advanced matching algorithm technology to connect students — even those who might look similar to each other on paper — with internship opportunities tailored to their needs, strengths and interests. Think the career placement and

economic development version of eHarmony.

UT has partnered with Detroit-based Digerati to provide this free service to all college students and all businesses and organizations throughout the state and will announce its launch Monday, March 18, at 10 a.m. in the northeast corner of Memorial Field House.

“Experiential learning has never been more important for today’s college students to gain that valuable experience and be ready for opportunities after graduation,” said Dr. Scott Scarborough, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

continued on p. 3

Crossings residence hall to be renamed to honor presidents

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo will honor four past University presidents by renaming the Crossings residence hall Presidents Hall.

In addition to the building being called Presidents Hall, each wing will bear the name of an individual leader — third UT President John Worthington Dowd, seventh president Philip Curtis Nash, eighth President Wilbur Wallace White and 15th President Daniel M. Johnson.

“Each of these leaders contributed significantly to the University’s success and growth,” President Lloyd Jacobs said. “We are proud to recognize them on the walls of one of our most popular student residence halls.”

The UT Board of Trustees approved the naming opportunity at its March 11 meeting when it also passed a resolution to demolish Dowd, White and Nash halls. The residence halls on the northwestern edge of Main Campus are unoccupied for the current academic year and in recent years only had been used for overflow student housing. Built in 1952, they are the oldest residence halls on campus and no longer meet the needs of today’s students.

Trustees also approved the demolition of the Westwood Annex building that previously housed the University Print Shop, which moved to its new location in the Student Union over spring break, and the coal-fired Power Plant on Health Science Campus that is no longer used.

The buildings, which collectively represent about 160,000 square feet of space, will be torn down in fiscal year 2014.



Photo by Daniel Miller

The Crossings will be renamed Presidents Hall.



Photo by Daniel Miller

SHOW TIME: Former UT linebacker Dan Molls caught a pass while working out last week in the Fetterman Training Center for a number of NFL scouts. Molls, who was named Capital One First-Team Academic All-America as a senior, was one of several Rockets who participated in Toledo’s Pro Day.



Photo by Daniel Miller

COACH HONORED: Head Men’s Basketball Coach Tod Kowalczyk is a finalist for the 2013 Hugh Durham Award, which is given annually by collegeinsider.com to the nation’s top mid-major coach. Kowalczyk just completed his third season as the Rockets’ mentor and led UT to its second straight winning campaign as well as a first-place tie in the Mid-American Conference’s West Division with a 10-6 league record. Toledo’s 10 conference victories were its most since posting a 14-2 ledger en route to winning the 2006-07 MAC regular-season title. The 2013 award will be presented at the collegeinsider.com awards banquet in Atlanta, site of the men’s NCAA Basketball Championship.

Lecture to offer critique of Muslims and the American dream

By Samantha Watson

After more than a decade since 9/11, American Muslims and the religion of Islam continue to face criticism and prejudice.

“Good Muslims, Bad Muslims and the American Dream” will be the focus of the annual Imam Khattab Lecture on Islamic



Anjum

Studies by Dr. Ovamir Anjum, UT Imam Khattab Endowed Chair of Islamic Studies. The free, public lecture will take place Thursday,

March 21, at 7 p.m. in the Law Center McQuade Auditorium.

The lecture is an invitation to self-critique how Muslims have adjusted to the new realities of America, as well as address the idea of the American dream as understood today.

“This topic is extremely relevant to the community, both Muslim and non-Muslim, because it seeks to look past the distractions and address our most urgent issues as Americans and what American Muslims and non-Muslims can do to contribute to solutions rather than becoming part of the problem,” Anjum said. “We have major common problems, and Islam is not one of them.”

With more than a decade since 9/11, there have been enough apologies

from Muslims, as well as enough attacks on Islam, Anjum said, adding that it is important that American Muslims see past their victimization and work toward the solution of colossal common problems facing America: social injustice, breakdown of community, consumerism and environmental destruction.

“The 99 percent of Americans who do not have what the 1 percent have, instead of rethinking the culture, they’re interested in joining that 1 percent,” Anjum said. “That is extremely destructive for our society, for our democracy and for our environment.”

According to Anjum, Islamic civilization historically has been one of the most egalitarian and socially conscious societies: dynamic, commercially successful, tolerant of diversity, and

scientifically advanced yet reverential toward nature. American Muslims should be bringing their religious perspectives to the American public sphere, he said.

“Islam requires American Muslims to be self-critical and to be critical of the consequences of following the American dream,” Anjum said.

This talk is part of the Center for Religious Studies’ annual lecture series and has been held each year since the Imam Khattab Chair was established about a decade ago. Anjum has delivered the lecture for the last four years.

For more information, visit utoledo.edu/llss/philosophy/cfru.

UT medical students

continued from p.1

In total, UT students will train in 30 states with Michigan, Illinois and California the most popular destinations outside of Ohio. Nine students will train at Ohio State University, three students at Yale, three at the University of Michigan, six at the Beaumont Health System in Michigan, and three at the University of Southern California.

“The strength of our students is always a doubled-edged sword,” said Dr. Patricia Metting, vice chancellor for student affairs and senior associate dean for student affairs at the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. “We’d love for them to stay and practice in the region, but given the prestigious residencies they’ve earned, you can understand why students choose to take advantage of those opportunities.”

Pediatrics was the most popular specialty this year with 21 students headed into that field. Internal medicine was a close second with 20, followed by a tie between emergency medicine and anesthesiology at 14 students each.

Michael Haarstad and his wife, Anna, quickly donned Hawkeye T-shirts once they learned Michael had received his first-choice emergency medicine residency at the University of Iowa.

“It’s the best field of medicine,” Haarstad said. “You’re in someone’s life at one of the most important and critical

moments. [You’re a] jack of all trades, a master of none, and you really have an opportunity to be a part of the community.”

Barbara Nzegwu said she planned to go into anesthesia from the moment she entered medical school and proudly held up her letter showing her match at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut.

“When I was in college, I did an engineering project related to anesthesia,” said Nzegwu, explaining the beginning of her passion for the specialty. “You see so many things and so many different kinds of patients.”

She said during her initial visit to Yale-New Haven that she had a great experience interacting with faculty and other residents, and was impressed by all the opportunities available.

“It just really felt right,” she said.

Students spend months interviewing at residency programs across the country, searching for the ideal place to learn their chosen specialties. Students ranked their top institutional choices, and academic medical centers across the country ranked their top student choices. A computer program administered by the National Resident Matching Program then puts together the students and residency programs.

Watch a video at utoledo.edu/matchday2013.

UT, Digerati

continued from p.1

“The University of Toledo is proud to bring this program to Ohio to not only connect students to great internship opportunities, but also to do what we can to retain our best and brightest in the Buckeye State and reduce the so-called ‘brain drain’ of young people moving away after graduation for career opportunities elsewhere.”

To register, students and businesses visit interninohio.com to sign up, create a profile or post internship opportunities. Both are asked to answer a short series of questions about the position and about their personal preferences, and then the system identifies the top seven matches for each individual student as well as to the business for each position.

When a match is made, the employer and the student are notified, and both must select that they are interested before any contact information is shared.

Research has shown that not only do internships often lead to offers of full-time employment upon graduation, but that students are likely to remain in the area where they completed an internship.

“Based on a similar program in Michigan, we’ve found that 70 percent of students who have internships are offered jobs at those companies,” said Brian Balasia, CEO of Digerati. “And when you consider not all of those students were seniors, the stat becomes even more impressive.”

The successful Intern in Michigan pilot program resulted in more than 127,000 matches and introductions between students and employers. There have been 4,824 internship opportunities in the system from 1,256 Michigan businesses. On the academic side, 1,049 universities, colleges and schools and nearly 19,000 internship-seekers have registered.

“The beauty of this is that it’s not just a UT or a Toledo initiative; it is a statewide opportunity,” said Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs. “Intern in Ohio is an economic engine that will in many cases make seamless the transition from in-class learning to hands-on learning to employment at an Ohio business or organization.”



INTERN in OHIO

Religious freedom in America topic of Stranahan Lecture March 26

By Rachel Phipps

Richard W. Garnett, associate dean for faculty research, professor of law and concurrent professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame, will address the state of religious freedom in the United



Garnett

States during the Stranahan Lecture at the UT College of Law.

The free, public talk will begin at noon Tuesday, March 26, in the Law Center McQuade Auditorium.

In a lecture titled “Challenges to Religious Freedom in America Today,” Garnett will consider the rights of religious believers and institutions versus governmental action, and their respective roles in American public life.

“Professor Garnett’s topic is particularly timely given recent legal and political debates over the role of religion in American public life,” said Lee J. Strang, UT professor of law. “From the recent HHS mandate regarding health insurance coverage for birth control and the morning-after pill, to recent declines in religious affiliation and practice among Americans, both religious and nonreligious Americans are asking themselves, ‘What role should religion play in American public life?’ Professor Garnett’s lecture will tackle this thorny question head on and is sure to provoke thought and conversation.”

Garnett teaches and writes about the freedoms of speech, association and religion. He is a leading authority on the role of religious believers and institutions in politics and society. He is the author of dozens of law review articles and book chapters, and his forthcoming book, *Two There Are: Understanding the Separation of Church and State*, will be published by Cambridge University Press.

He is regularly invited to share analysis and commentary in national print and broadcast media, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Fox News* and *MSNBC*, among many others, and Garnett regularly contributes to several law-related blogs, including *Mirror of Justice* and *PrawfsBlawg*.

Garnett is also the founding director of Notre Dame Law School’s Program in Church, State and Society. He clerked for the late Chief Justice of the United States William Rehnquist and also for the late Chief Judge Richard Arnold of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

The Stranahan National Issues Forum is a joint program of the UT College of Law and its chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies. It is made possible by an endowment from the Stranahan Foundation. The forum’s purpose is to address issues of national importance through the lens of the American legal system, and Garnett joins a long list of high-profile speakers who have delivered the Stranahan Lecture at the University.

Preview of same-sex marriage cases in Supreme Court topic of March 21 lecture

By Rachel Phipps

Marc Spindelmann, the Isadore and Ida Topper Professor of Law at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, will preview the same-sex marriage cases before the Supreme Court this term in a lecture at The University of Toledo College of Law Thursday, March 21.

The free, public talk titled “Marriage Equality and Racial Justice” will be held at noon in the Law Center McQuade Auditorium.



Spindelmann

On March 26 and 27, the Supreme Court of the United States will hear oral argument in *United States v. Windsor*, a challenge to the federal Defense of Marriage Act, and *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, a challenge to California’s Proposition 8. Spindelmann will summarize the arguments on both sides and the questions posed by the cases, including constitutional questions about the power of states and of the federal government to pass laws that forbid or discourage same-sex marriage.

The battle for marriage equality being waged in cases like those before the Supreme Court is widely supposed to be in perfect harmony with civil rights projects that aim for racial justice. But Spindelmann

asks whether the constitutional arguments being made for marriage equality in the federal courts in any way dovetail with the elimination of race-conscious remedial projects such as affirmative action in higher education — and if, as a result, new and different approaches to marriage equality are necessary.

“Professor Spindelmann will provide an excellent introduction to what promise to be landmark decisions by the United States Supreme Court, and his talk will be of interest to anyone interested in this important social issue,” said Daniel J. Steinbock, dean of the College of Law.

Spindelmann teaches and writes about bioethics; constitutional law; family law; feminist legal theory; gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights; health law; law and sexuality; and physician-assisted suicide. He is the co-author of the casebook *Family Law: Cases and Materials* (sixth edition) published by Foundation Press last year.

He is regularly consulted by the press, and his views have appeared in *Time Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post* and *USA Today*, among many others. He also has appeared on National Public Radio’s Morning Edition, as well as ABC Nightly News, CNN, and other television and radio outlets.

Spindelmann is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. Following law school, he clerked for Judge (now Chief Judge) Alice Batchelder on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Law and Leadership Institute graduates first class

By Rachel Phipps

The first class to enter the Law and Leadership Institute at The University of Toledo College of Law graduated from the program Saturday.

Justice Judith Ann Lanzinger of the Supreme Court of Ohio, a 1977 alumna of the UT College of Law, was the keynote speaker.

The 18 graduates, all seniors at local high schools, participated in a mock trial competition against Law and Leadership Institute students from the University of

Akron School of Law in the Law Center Cubbon Courtroom.

The commencement ceremony followed in the Law Center McQuade Auditorium.

Supported by the Ohio State Bar Foundation, the Supreme Court of Ohio, Ohio’s nine law schools and others, the Law and Leadership Institute is a statewide initiative to help prepare students from underserved communities for post-secondary success through a four-year academic program in law, leadership, analytical

thinking and writing skills. The UT College of Law’s program began in 2009 with a single ninth grade class; a new class has joined the program each following year.

“We are very proud of the students we have worked with in the Law and Leadership Institute, especially those we have seen grow during the past four years. We are grateful to all of the sponsors for supporting this effort to diversify the legal profession,” said Daniel J. Steinbock, dean of the UT College of Law.

The Law and Leadership Institute was piloted in Columbus and Cleveland in 2008, and has since grown to more than 400 high school students on eight law school campuses across the state.

For more information, visit the Law and Leadership Institute website at lawandleadership.org or contact Marilyn Preston, professor of legal writing and director of the UT Law and Leadership Institute, at marilyn.preston@utoledo.edu or 419.530.2863.

Graduate student to intern with American Psychological Association

By Samantha Watson

When UT student Erin Swedish met Dr. Lynn Bufka from the American Psychological Association (APA) at a conference in November, she had no idea she later would be interviewed by her for an internship with the organization.

Swedish, a Denver native and third-year graduate student in psychology at the University, landed the internship in January and will travel to Washington, D.C., this summer to complete it.

At the APA headquarters, she will work closely with lawyers, psychologists



Swedish

and panels to help develop practice guidelines for depression, obesity and post-traumatic stress disorder. Most of her work will focus on the promotion

of the practice of psychology and the availability and accessibility of psychological services in various settings.

"I'm most excited about seeing a different view of my field and what goes on in more of the administrative, advocacy and policy aspects," Swedish said.

At UT, her work focuses on advocating for patients, specifically children, to get the evidenced-based treatments they need. In her research, she specializes in anxiety disorders in children and the factors that preclude young patients from receiving needed treatment.

Swedish said anxiety disorders are the most common psychopathology among children. Before coming to graduate school, she worked in Utah for two summers looking at trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder in children, with the help of a grant from the National Science Foundation.

"It's important to identify and refer children for treatments at a young age so that it doesn't persist into adulthood," Swedish said. "The longer the duration of a psychological illness, the more severe it can get."



Local children to 'travel world' at home, thanks to UT students

By Samantha Watson

Children from the Toledo area will learn about other cultures and countries from international students at The University of Toledo at an upcoming event called "Oh, The Places You Will Go."

The Boys & Girls Club of Toledo event will take place Friday, March 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Homer Hanham Club, 2250 N. Detroit Ave.

The children from the club will get to interact with UT students from all around the globe.

UT students will host rotating activities to teach the kids about their home countries through native dances, crafts and food samples.

Rocksy will join the children in "traveling the world," and they will have opportunities for photos with the mascot.

The UT Center for International Studies and Programs is helping to coordinate the event.

Register now!

Women of the World (WOW) Symposium

Saturday, March 30

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Scott Park Auditorium

Keynote speaker: Margaret Wong will share her story of going from an immigrant to an immigrant lawyer; building Margaret Wong & Associates Co., Cleveland.

Go to wowtoledo.org for more information and to register.

Register by Sunday, March 24, and receive a free lunch!

The conference is free; donations accepted to help fund future conferences.

Symposium

March 30, 2013

For more info: 419-318-9705

Like 55 people like this.

- [Home](#)
- [Program](#)
- [Presenters](#)
- [Market Place](#)
- [Sponsors](#)
- [Organizers](#)
- [News](#)

Prepare to be WOW'ed at the First Annual Symposium for all Women

1370 WSPD radio interview
[listen now...](#)

U.T. Scott Park Campus 9am - 3pm
Nebraska and Parkside Blvd, Toledo, Ohio 43607

WOW Come and be Inspired

Key Note Address
Margaret Wong
From Immigrant to Immigration Lawyer
A civic leader who educates
and inspires others. [more info...](#)

Motivational!

Fun!

[Register today! Space is Limited](#)

Lunch provided for those who register before March 24, 2013 or until space is full.

Student works to screen in Aspiring Filmmakers Showcase

By Angela Riddel

What do regrets, heroes, swamplands and demons have in common? These subjects all will be featured in the annual Aspiring Filmmakers Showcase.

The event will be presented by the UT Film and Video Society and the Department of Theatre and Film at two venues: the Maumee Indoor Theater, 601 Conant St., at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 21, and the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23.

The showcase is the largest film event of the year for the department.

The screenings of the best in student films are the culmination of a juried process. The majority of submissions are from students in the Theatre and Film Department, but the competition is open to any enrolled UT student.

"The filmmaker must be a currently enrolled student. Eligible films are created during production film classes and can range from 30 minutes to 3 minutes in digital and film," said Amanda Hurst, senior film student and president of the Film and Video Society.

The public screenings are an opportunity for students to share their films with a broader audience.

"We do this to see our work, and for our friends and family to see our work. It's a chance to get ourselves out there," Hurst said.

Filmmakers and works featured in the screening are:

- Kelsey Anonsen, "316";
- Kenny Bauer, "Swampland";
- Anna Coulter, "Oblivion" and "Push";
- Bailey Cramer, "Do Not Pass Go" and "Half-tone Hero";
- Nick Durant, "Demons";
- Amanda Hurst, "Ultimo Dia";
- Andrew Jex, "12 Dark Basement";
- Lydia Kane, "Learning Through Service";
- Sylvia Keller, "Affect";
- Samantha Muirhead, "Eight";
- Jerod Nawrocki, "Forget Your Face";
- Jordan Parish, "Below The Surface";
- Chelsea Phillips, "You're A Doll";
- Kim Sanchez, "Margot";
- Carolyn Sharkey, "Entropy";
- Steve Stager, "Fallen" and "Regrets"; and
- Lenny Zaleski, "Heart."

Jurors for the competition included Kirk Baird of The Blade; Phoebe Ballard, UT senior instructional designer; John Dorsey of the Toledo Free Press; and Holly Monsos, associate dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Tickets — \$5 for the public and \$3 for students and senior citizens — will be available at the door.

The University of Toledo
DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE & FILM

ASPIRING FILMMAKERS SHOWCASE

TICKETS at the DOOR
\$5 General Admission
\$3 Students & Seniors

Thursday
MARCH 21 at 7:30 p.m.
Maumee Indoor Theater

Saturday
MARCH 23 at 7:30 p.m.
UT Center Theatre
Center for Performing Arts
After-Party to Follow in PA1039

UT
COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO



"12 Dark Basement" by Andrew Jex



"Eight" by Samantha Muirhead



"Swampland" by Kenny Bauer

Parent activist brings emotional anti-bullying message to UT

By Meghan Cunningham

Ty Field-Smalley was a happy and cheerful boy who always had a smile on his face. But Ty was small for his age, and that made him an easy target for bullies.

On May 13, 2010, at the age of 11, Ty took his life after being suspended from school for retaliating against a bully who



Smalley

had been picking on him for more than two years.

Ty's dad and mom, Kirk and Laura Smalley, have made it their mission to bring awareness about bullying and the devastating harm it causes.

"Laura and I try to teach all these kids that they are somebody, that they can make a difference in our world, that everyone has a right to be who they are and be themselves," Kirk Smalley said. "If we save one baby, if we stop this from happening to

one other family, it's worth everything that we can do, everything we have to give to make that happen."

Smalley will share his emotional story at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 25, in Memorial Field House Room 2100 at The University of Toledo. The event is free and open to the public.

As part of his mission to eradicate bullying, Smalley through his Stand for the Silent organization has given presentations at more than 600 schools, touching more than 650,000 students and educators in the last year. There now are more than 370 Stand for the Silent chapters that work to spread the message that everyone deserves to feel loved, included and treated with respect.

The Smalleys' story is featured in director Lee Hirsch's feature documentary film "Bully" that pushes us to look past the "kids will be kids" attitude and realize the serious issue impacting young people and their families.

CNN also included Smalley in its "The Bully Effect: An Anderson Cooper Special" that premiered Feb. 28 on Anderson Cooper 360.

"Kirk and Laura are so brave to share their heartbreaking story with The University of Toledo and schools everywhere in an effort to save other families from such a painful loss," said Dr. Lisa Pescara-Kovach, UT associate professor of educational psychology and author of *School Shootings and Suicides: Why We Must Stop the Bullies*. "Bullying is a serious issue that impacts all of society. We need to get past this idea that bullying is a harmless rite of passage and see it for



what it is — a public health issue that leads victims to internalize or externalize, at times, to the point of suicides and targeted violence like school shootings."

"Those who perpetrate bullying need assistance as well," added Kovach, who co-chairs the UT Anti-Bullying Task Force with UT Police Chief Jeff Newton. "It's a must to get to the root of the bullying in an effort to eradicate the behavior and prevent the individual from using similar tactics in adulthood."

The Stand for the Silent event at UT is part of the larger Preventing Bullying = Creating Safety collaborative effort of WGTE Public Media and Fostering Health Communities, which is a joint effort among Mercy, ProMedica and the UT Medical Center. The yearlong initiative, which

launches this spring, focuses on increasing youth safety by decreasing the incidence of bullying.

Preventing Bullying = Creating Safety is a comprehensive public information campaign through TV, radio, print and the web: three live town hall television programs on WGTE TV; videos for classroom use; three workshops for educators; and a website with resources for parents, students and educators. Visit preventingbullying.org for more information.

For more information about Stand for the Silent, visit standforthesilent.org.

The  **Relevant**
University:TOLEDO
 Brought to you by The University of Toledo

Make it part of your Monday

Tune in
"The Relevant University: Toledo"
AM 1370 WSPD

Every Monday • 6 to 7 p.m. • Listeners can call in with questions: 419.240.1370.

Oscar-nominated documentary on AIDS to be shown March 24

By Vicki L. Kroll

When the AIDS epidemic first hit more than 30 years ago, it brought with it an outbreak of panic and fear.

Dr. Joan M. Duggan remembers it well. “In the 1980s and early 1990s, people were dying of AIDS and it was a dreaded and feared disease for very good reasons — it was a terrible way to die, a true plague,” said the UT professor of medicine and director of the Ryan White Program at UT Medical Center. “We were caring for people living with AIDS when it was hopeless.”

She recently saw “How to Survive a Plague,” a documentary that tells how the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) and the Treatment Action Group (TAG) pushed for medical treatment.

“By refusing to take no for an answer — by refusing to agree to the very meager proportion of medical machinery that society allotted to them — these activists made dramatic changes,” Duggan said.

“It may seem hard to believe that we would run drug studies and design clinic medical trials without any input from the patients who would be subjected to them, but until the era of HIV drug trials, that was business as usual.”

The 2012 film was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature and appeared on top 10 lists for several publications, including The New York Times, The Boston Globe, Entertainment Weekly, The Atlantic and the San Francisco Chronicle.

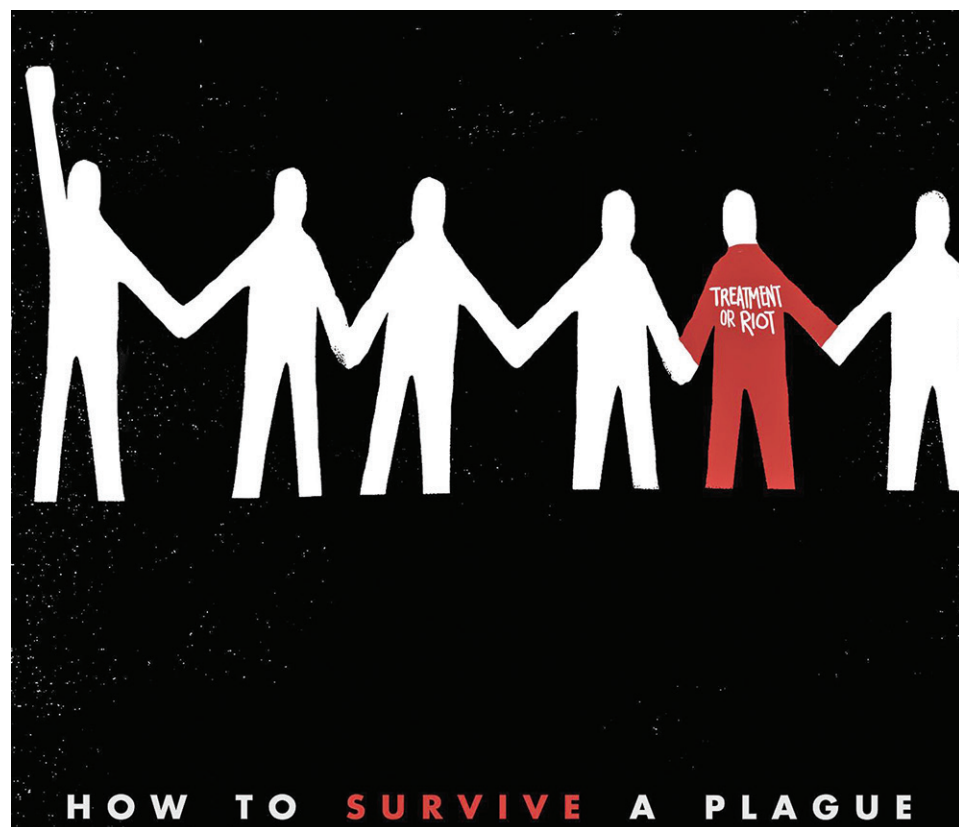
Filmmaker David France uses archival footage from the 1980s and 1990s to show how ACT UP and TAG members changed the diagnosis of AIDS from a death sentence to a manageable condition by infiltrating the pharmaceutical industry, helping to identify promising new drugs, and expediting trials to get medications to patients.

“‘How to Survive a Plague’ bears witness,” France wrote in a letter posted on surviveaplague.com. “The film documents what I saw with my own eyes in those first long dark days of the worst plague in America — it shows both the tragedy and the brilliance leading up to 1996 when effective medication finally made it possible to think of HIV/AIDS as a chronic condition, like diabetes.”

In 1995, AIDS was the No. 1 cause of death among people ages 25 to 44 in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. By 2012, it ranked No. 6.

France wrote, “I witnessed all this in my role as a journalist, not an activist. Instead of a bullhorn or placard, I carried a notepad and pen. There I am in the background of these frames.”

Sue Carter, clinical counselor with the Ryan White Program at UT Medical Center, said the film wasn’t shown in Toledo last year. “When the Ryan White Center learned about ‘How to Survive a Plague,’ we purchased it so we could show it,” Carter said.



The former Medical College of Ohio took a leading role in HIV education in the early days of the disease. In 1985, the hospital offered the first free and anonymous HIV testing in the region. The federally funded Ryan White Program was established at MCO in 2000.

“UT Medical Center has been treating people with HIV since the mid-1980s, and there are many caregivers, activists and patients still in Toledo who were around in the early days of the pandemic,” Carter said.

“We remember ACT UP and the protests that led to funding and medications

that benefit patients today. We want everyone to see the movie,” Carter said.

There will be a free screening of “How to Survive a Plague” Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. at the Collingwood Arts Center, 2413 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo.

Co-sponsors of the event are the UT Ryan White Program, UT Spectrum, the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department HIV Program, the AIDS Resource Center, Equality Toledo, Nuestra Gente Community Projects and Holiday With Heart Charity Gala.

Feasibility study looks into possible composting facility in Toledo

By Casey Cheap

A citywide composting facility could become a reality in Toledo within a few years if a study deems the project economically feasible.

In February 2012, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the city of Toledo and The University of Toledo as a mutual agreement to work toward a food scraps recycling facility for the Glass City and the greater Lucas County region.

The Sustainability, Energy, Efficiency and Design initiative on campus wants to study the feasibility of such a facility. The funding for the study will come from a community innovation grant from the Ohio Development Services Agency.

According to Brooke Mason, UT interim sustainability specialist, a committee she serves on is exploring the idea of the facility.

"We want to see if a potential facility would be economically beneficial," Mason said. "Ideally, we only want to see it if it is beneficial. This is something UT and the city are interested in, but we are taking the necessary steps to make sure we don't put Toledo in the red."

Mason said a composting facility would be designated Class II, which would allow for the recycling of all organics, including food scraps. However, Toledo has several options for composting yard waste.

All firms that are interested in carrying out the study must submit a proposal to the committee by Tuesday, May 14. The committee will select a firm in June, and Mason said she hopes the study will be done later this year.

"Ideally, we would like for the study to be done by September," Mason said. "If this is something that will work out for the city, we would want to apply for grants as soon as possible."

The study will look into how the city could treat waste and who major customers of the service would be, among other things.

Similar food composting efforts have been successful in Ann Arbor, Mich., Portland, Ore., and parts of California.

Anyone interested in the study or the Sustainability, Energy, Efficiency and Design initiative can contact Mason at 419.530.1042, brooke.mason@utoledo.edu or seed@utoledo.edu.

UT to hold nursing job fair March 20

By Samantha Watson

After graduation, it can sometimes be difficult for graduates to find a job, but The University of Toledo is providing some help for nursing graduates by hosting a career and job fair.

The fair will take place Wednesday, March 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hotel Ballroom on Health Science Campus. All registered nursing and advanced practice nursing students in the Toledo and surrounding areas are invited.

There will be representatives from Ohio and Michigan hospitals, community-based practices, skilled nursing centers and home care agencies. There also will be representatives for nursing opportunities in the armed forces.

If you have a disability and need accommodations for this event, contact the College of Nursing Office of Student Services at 419.383.5810 or admitnurse@utoledo.edu in advance.

Any other questions also may be directed to the Office of Student Services.



COLLEGE OF NURSING

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

New higher ed Professional Master's Cohort Program info session March 20

By Samantha Watson

This summer, The University of Toledo's Higher Education Program will partner with Owens Community College to begin its inaugural Professional Master's Cohort Program.

On Wednesday, March 20, from 6 to 7 p.m. in Gillham Hall Room 1300, an information session about the cohort will take place. All who are interested are welcome to attend and encouraged to ask questions.

The five-semester program is for professionals working in a higher education profession who have received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution. The program is designed to be convenient for working adults, with courses being a blend of in-person class sessions, coupled with online and videoconference class sessions.

Classes are designed to prepare higher education professionals for entry- and mid-level positions in colleges and universities.

The partnership between Owens and UT provides a broader look at higher education by including perspectives from both two- and four-year colleges and universities.

Those who wish to apply must have completed a grad school application and have at least a 2.7 grade point average in their undergraduate degree. They also must provide official transcripts from all previous higher education institutions attended, a letter of interest, two letters of reference, and a resumé or curriculum vitae.

Application materials can be turned in at utoledo.edu/graduate.

For other questions, contact Dr. Snejana Durst, master's program coordinator, at snejana.slantchevadurst@utoledo.edu or 419.530.5673.

UTNEWS

UT News is published for faculty, staff and students by the University Communications Office weekly during the academic year and periodically during the summer. Copies are mailed to employees and placed in newsstands on the Main, Health Science, Scott Park and Toledo Museum of Art campuses. UT News strives to present accurate, fair and timely communication of interest to employees. Story ideas and comments from the UT community are welcome. Send information by campus mail to #949, University Communications Office, Vicki Kroll. E-mail: vicki.kroll@utoledo.edu. Fax: 419.530.4618. Phone: 419.530.2248. Mailing address: University Communications Office, The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH 43606-3390.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: Lawrence J. Burns
ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING OPERATIONS: Tobin J. Klinger
EDITOR: Vicki L. Kroll
ASSOCIATE EDITOR: Cynthia Nowak
GRAPHIC DESIGNER: Stephanie Delo
PHOTOGRAPHER: Daniel Miller
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS: Amelia Acuna, Casey Cheap, Meghan Cunningham, Haraz N. Ghanbari, Kim Goodin, Emily Hickey, Brian Purdue, Jon Strunk, Samantha Watson
EDITORIAL ASSISTANTS: Laurie Flowers, Joanne Gray
DISTRIBUTION ASSISTANT: Tyler Mattson

Read UT news at utnews.utoledo.edu and myut.utoledo.edu.

The University of Toledo is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in education, employment, membership and contracts, and no differentiation will be made based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, veteran status or the presence of a disability. The University will take affirmative action as required by federal or state law.



Students to compete in UT Iron Chef Competition March 20

By Samantha Watson

What will UT staff and students whip up in the kitchen with a unique secret ingredient? Find out during The University of Toledo Spring 2013 Iron Chef Competition.

Modeled after the Food Network TV show “Iron Chef America,” five teams made up of one faculty adviser, one residence hall chef and three students will create an original dish with a secret ingredient that will be announced right before the competition begins.

The culinary competition, which is open to the public, will take place Wednesday, March 20, at 4 p.m. in the Ottawa East Dining Hall.

There will be entertainment, food samples, local celebrity judges and trophies for the winning team and the Peoples’ Champion. The first-prize-winning dish will be offered to students through UT’s food services.

Participating students are from the University’s living learning communities: the Arts Living and Learning Community; Global Entrepreneurship and Innovation Living and Learning Community; Resident Student Association, Multicultural Leadership and Service Living and Learning



Community; and the Politics, Law and Society Living and Learning Community.

Judges will include:

- Toledo Mayor Mike Bell;
- Paulette Bongratz, UT Student Government president;
- Amy Campbell, Toledo Free Press food columnist;
- Rob Campbell, chef at Revolution Grille;
- Chris Denman, chef at BGump’s 101 Restaurant and Lounge;
- Jim Dusseau, Maumee firefighter;
- Dr. Shanda Gore, UT associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement;
- Labib Hajjar, chef and owner of the Beirut;

- Michele Martinez, UT dean of students;
- Dan Neman, food editor of The Blade;
- Moussa Salloukh, chef at LaScola;
- Josh Wagdy, founder of Smash Toledo; and
- Mary Beth Zolik, co-host of the morning show on 101.5 The River.

The event is sponsored by the First-Year Experience Program, Crib Notes, UT Dining and Hospitality Services, Dean of Students, the Office of Residence Life, and The Blade.

Enrollment in Professional Staff Association Sick Leave Bank open

By Cathy Zimmer

Open enrollment for the Professional Staff Association’s Sick Leave Bank continues through Sunday, March 31.

The bank is a voluntary program open exclusively to Professional Staff Association (PSA) members on all UT campuses. Eligible employees are defined in PSA bylaws as “all non-bargaining unit employees on all campuses whether salary or hourly, classified or unclassified, full or part time, excluding those with faculty rank.”

According to Deb Sobczak, chair of the PSA Sick Leave Bank, the bank collects one-time, voluntary donations of sick time from PSA personnel to assist those who may be stricken with catastrophic injury or illness.

“It’s a way to help our colleagues bridge a gap of time between the exhaustion of their benefits from sick, personal and vacation days and when they qualify for long-term, permanent disability benefits,” Sobczak explained. “The bank is used only for PSA Sick Leave Bank members with personal catastrophic illness or injury.”

She said full-time PSA members may donate 16 hours and part-time members may donate eight hours of personal sick time to the bank, which is administered by Human Resources. Participants donate the time only once, no matter how long they continue their employment at the University.

To enroll, go to utoledo.edu/depts/hr/forms/labor.html, look under the Sick Leave Bank — PSA heading, and then click on the PSA Sick Leave Bank 2013 donation form link. Mail the completed form to PSA Sick Leave Bank, care of Deb Sobczak, Mail Stop 608, by March 31.

Additional details, including links to the sick leave policy and the list of current sick leave bank members, are available at utoledo.edu/org/psa/sickleavebank.html.

United Way says ‘thank you’ for support

The UT community has been lauded by the United Way of Greater Toledo for supporting its 2012 annual campaign.

The campaign is the United Way’s primary fundraising tool to support its various programs. This year, approximately 600 donors from the UT community pledged more than \$140,000 through the annual University of Toledo Community Charitable Campaign.

According to Karen R. Mathison, president and chief executive officer for the United Way of Greater Toledo, UT’s donation has been used to bolster a program called the Health Challenge Grant.

“Your support allowed us to leverage over \$271,000 in designations to our health work,” Mathison wrote in a letter co-signed by Randy Oostra, president and CEO of ProMedica, and 2012 United Way campaign chair, and addressed to UT President Lloyd Jacobs.

“By supporting the United Way, you are ultimately supporting your community,” the letter continued. “Your organization is also publicly demonstrating commitment to our community and United Way’s mission of helping graduate kids through strategies in education, income and health.”

The letter states that the United Way campaign raised \$13,828,490.

UT has a longstanding tradition of supporting the United Way. In recent years, the UT campaign has depended heavily on online donations, rather than the traditional “paper pledging” system.

“It’s been a bit of a transition for some of our employees who’ve been used to filling out the paper forms for so many years,” said Vicki Riddick, senior wellness officer and chair of the 2012 campaign. “We’re looking for more ways to bring the campaign back to its person-to-person roots next year with fresh ideas to assist in the fundraising process.”

A chair for the 2013 UT campaign will be selected within the next few months, with planning to begin soon after. The campaign traditionally kicks off in early September.

Members of the 2012 UT Community Charitable Campaign planning committee were Kelly Andrews, Intercollegiate Athletics; Paulette Bongratz, Student Government; Donna Braswell, Biological Sciences; Gail Burgin, Information Technology; Kimberly Crozier, Undergraduate Admission; Chris Dykyj, Student Government; Tom Garey, Facilities Planning; Kim Goodin, Marketing and Communications; Jim Lapp, UT Retirees Association; Sandra Manton, Finance and Administration; Tamara Renner, Cardiovascular Unit; Gail Simpson, Institutional Advancement; Vern Snyder, Institutional Advancement; and Rachael Whipple, Office of Community Wellness.

**For breaking news,
go to
utnews.utoledo.edu**

Satellites slate big sale this week

Art and sunglasses and watches, oh my! The Satellites Auxiliary will hold a huge sale Tuesday through Thursday, March 19-21, in the Four Seasons Bistro Atrium.

The sale will run from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday.

There'll be ethnic art, country classics, nautical themes, motivational works, wildlife pieces, juvenile prints and framed stadium photos for sale.

In addition, check out Solarx sunglasses, designer watches and Sportulas — grilling spatulas with team logos.

Cash, check and credit cards will be accepted; payroll deduction also will be available.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit nursing scholarship funds.

The Satellites Auxiliary is a group designed to promote education, research and service programs; provide support of patient programs in accordance with the needs and approval of administration; conduct fundraising events; and provide volunteer services.

For more information on the sale, contact Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites, at lynn.brand@utoledo.edu.



Photo by Chuck Lehnert

PARTY IN PINK: Sabrina Nabors of the Office of the President, center standing with corsage, was surrounded by friends and supporters celebrating the completion of her chemotherapy treatments. Last week's gathering featured a lunch provided by Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, senior vice president for the student experience, and included a gift presentation (pink Rocket gear, of course) and thank-you from Nabors that left more than a few wet eyes in the room.



Photo by Daniel Miller

FAR EAST EXPERIENCE: Sheila Fuentes, a student in the UT Confucius Institute, left, showed students Shayla Lewis, center, and Rebekah Webster how to write in Chinese calligraphy at the Chinese Experience Day in the Student Union Trimble South Lounge. The event was one of several held last month to celebrate the Chinese New Year and Chinese Spring Festival.



Photo by Daniel Miller

STAYING CONNECTED: UT student Mackenzie Bihn checked her phone at Rocky's Grille in the Student Union.



Women's History Month

March 2013



utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss/events



For more information, contact the Office of Multicultural Student Success at 419.530.2661 or in the Student Union Room 2500 • Sponsored by The Division of Student Affairs and University Women's Commission