

## Processing core



Photo by Daniel Miller

Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Inc., right, visited UT Feb. 1 for the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series and shared the story of how he and Steve Jobs — and their business partner Ronald Wayne — revolutionized the computer industry. Wozniak, who designed Apple I and Apple II computers, answered questions from Interim Provost John Barrett during his 70-minute talk in Savage Arena. The demand for tickets to see the Silicon Valley icon was so high that the location of the lecture was changed twice to accommodate the crowd, which numbered more than 3,000.

## Drug control



Photo by Daniel Miller

White House National Drug Control Policy Director Michael Botticelli, at podium, held a Toledo Community Forum on Responses to the Opioid Epidemic Feb. 1 on the UT Scott Park Campus to discuss evidence-based programs to prevent and treat prescription drug abuse and heroin abuse. Joining Botticelli at the event, which is one of a series of forums being held across the country, were, from left, Lucas County Sheriff John Tharp, Christa Lammers, an advocate who shared the story of losing her brother to addiction, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, and Zepf Center Medical Director Dr. Mahdi Doumet.

## UT names finalists for provost

By Jon Strunk

The University of Toledo announced Wednesday four finalists for the position of provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

“We are excited to announce four outstanding finalists who will be visiting The University of Toledo in the coming weeks to interview for the position of provost and executive vice president for academic affairs,” wrote Dr. Kaye Patten, senior vice president for student affairs, and Dr. Christopher Ingersoll, dean of the College of Health Sciences and interim dean of the College of Social Justice and Human Service, in a letter sent to the campus community.

In addition to meeting with faculty, administrators and academic leaders, the candidates will each participate in two open forums — one on Main Campus and one on Health Science Campus — to provide an

opportunity for the UT community to offer input.

Listed by visit date, the candidates are:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 10 — Dr. Christopher Keil McCord**, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Northern Illinois University. Open forums for McCord will be:  
 > 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. — Student Union Room 2592 on Main Campus  
 > 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. — Health Education Building Room 100 on Health Science Campus
- **Friday, Feb. 12 — Dr. Andrew Hsu**, dean of the College of Engineering at San Jose State. Open forums for Hsu will be:  
 > 10 to 11 a.m. — Health Education Building Room 105 on Health Science Campus

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## Diversity forums continue as UT gathers campus, community input

By Jon Strunk

After a half-dozen open forums and focus groups attended by hundreds of UT students, University employees and community members who participated in conversations about diversity at The University of Toledo, Dr. Willie McKether is beginning to see a picture of the path before him.

Tapped by UT President Sharon L. Gaber in November to serve as special assistant to the president for diversity and to coordinate the development of a University-wide diversity strategic plan, McKether will conclude his initial, qualitative outreach that will be added to formal surveys sent to the campus community in the weeks ahead.

“We’ve heard clearly that members of the UT and Toledo communities look to The University of Toledo to play a leadership role in educating its students and graduates

to see the world through a lens that recognizes diverse perspectives,” McKether said.

“This is a role we embrace,” he said. “As we speak to our constituents, it is clear this institution is doing important work to enhance a culture that embraces diversity and inclusion. But it is also clear that we’ve fallen behind in some areas, and we need to ensure no one feels left behind or excluded because they are unique.”

The University’s commitment to the process goes all the way to the top of the organization.

“A diversity of views and opinions at the leadership level is essential to this University’s ability to navigate the opportunities and challenges facing UT and all of higher education,” Gaber said.

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“That is why trustees and I see this strategic diversity planning process as so critical. It will inform and strengthen everything from hiring practices to the enrollment of minority students and the recruitment of minority faculty, staff and researchers,” Gaber said.

UT Board Chair Sharon Speyer shares Gaber’s perspective that the entire institution should be engaged in this endeavor. As a result, Speyer has asked that Trustee Gary Thieman be appointed to McKether’s Diversity Plan Advisory Committee, which includes students, faculty, staff and community members, to provide regular two-way communication between the board and the committee. Speyer will serve as an alternate to ensure

that there is consistent representation from the board.

“I’ve also asked Dr. McKether to present an update on the process and his findings in the weeks ahead,” Speyer said. “Diversity and inclusion are at the very core of UT’s values, and this board recognizes the institutional strength that can be created through that commitment.”

Speyer also reiterated the trustees’ belief that diverse representation on the board is important as it brings perspective and strength to that governing body. She expressed hope that the governor’s office will fill the two vacancies with qualified candidates that expand the representation of the UT campus community.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**COMING TOGETHER:** Dr. Willie McKether, special assistant to the president for diversity, led a Campus Conversation on Diversity for staff members Thursday on Health Science Campus.

## Internal search launched for graduate studies dean

By Vicki L. Kroll

**N**ominations are being sought from the University for the dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

Dr. Patricia Komuniecki, who has served as vice provost for graduate affairs and dean of the College of Graduate of Studies since 2009, will retire June 30.

“Patsy’s exemplary leadership has served the University and our graduate students well,” Interim Provost John Barrett said. “We thank her for working to enhance the quality of services we provide to our graduate students.”

Prior to being named dean, Komuniecki was a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and served as chair for 10 years. She joined the UT faculty in 1985 and was a postdoctoral fellow in pharmacology at the former Medical College of Ohio in 1980.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed all the varied opportunities I have had during my 36 years at UT and hope that my contributions as a faculty administrator since 1990 helped undergraduate and graduate students,” she said. “I will miss working with the College of Graduate Studies team; they are a special group of dedicated professionals, and it has been my pleasure to work with them over the past seven years to support our graduate students and faculty.”

Nominations of internal candidates are requested by Friday, March 4.

“We are looking for someone to lead our graduate and professional programs to become nationally distinguished and highly ranked,” Dr. William Messer, vice president for research and chair of the search

committee, said. “The next dean will be charged with continuing and growing UT’s emphasis on graduate student research.”

The University has 128 master’s degree programs and 40 doctoral programs in 12 colleges. In addition to those research degrees, the University offers professional doctorates and master’s degrees, as well as a variety of certificates in health care, business and personal enrichment areas.

Internal candidates should have a notable record as a scholar and teacher, and possess a PhD or terminal degree to be eligible to be a full member of the graduate faculty in a field represented in the College of Graduate Studies.

Candidates also should have:

- Leadership skills that will take graduate education and research to the next level at the University;
- Demonstrated commitment to teaching, research and advising;
- Administrative and business acumen to lead the strategic and financial implications of the college;
- Communication skills to engage with a wide range of constituents within and outside the University;
- Commitment to diversity and a desire to implement new strategies to pursue equity; and
- Knowledge of graduate student curriculum and its development.

Nominations should be sent to Messer at [COGSDeanSearch@utoledo.edu](mailto:COGSDeanSearch@utoledo.edu).

Those who are interested in the position will be asked to submit an application at [jobs.utoledo.edu](http://jobs.utoledo.edu).

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> 3 to 4 p.m. — Student Union Room 2592 on Main Campus

- **Wednesday, Feb. 17 — Dr. Donald Siegel**, dean of the School of Business at the University of Albany. Open forums for Siegel will be:
  - > 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. — Student Union Room 2582 on Main Campus
  - > 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. — Health Education Building Room 100 on Health Science Campus
- **Thursday, Feb. 18 — Dr. Charles Robinson**, vice chancellor for diversity and community at the

University of Arkansas. Open forums for Robinson will be:

- > 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. — Student Union Room 2592 on Main Campus
- > 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. — Health Education Building Room 100 on Health Science Campus

Finalists’ curricula vitae are available at the provost search website, <http://utole.do/provostsearch>. Additionally, all of the open forums will be streamed live at [video.utoledo.edu](http://video.utoledo.edu) and archived on the provost search website for those unable to watch live.



Hsu



McCord



Robinson



Siegel

## Deadline for Outstanding Teacher Award nominations approaching

By Ashley Gearheart

If there is a UT faculty member in your life who deserves recognition for inspiring, motivating and challenging you and your peers, now is the time to nominate her or him for the chance to be honored as an Outstanding Teacher.

This will be the 41st year the University and the UT Alumni Association will recognize faculty members for their outstanding dedication to teaching.

The deadline to submit nominations for the Outstanding Teacher Award is Sunday, Feb. 28, at 5 p.m.

All full-time faculty members who have not received the award in the past are eligible for this honor. A list of past winners is available at [utoledo.edu/offices/provost/outstandingteacher/winners.html](http://utoledo.edu/offices/provost/outstandingteacher/winners.html).

Up to six winners will be chosen by a group of past recipients and a Student Government representative, and all committee deliberations and the content of nominations remain confidential.

Recipients will receive a cash award of \$1,500 and recognition by the University, the UT Alumni Association and President Sharon L. Gaber.

Nominations should include specific examples that demonstrate the nominee's ability as an outstanding teacher as the supporting statements in the nomination weigh heavily during the evaluation.

"The faculty at UT are hardworking and should be recognized for the time they invest to help their students learn the skills to succeed after graduation," said Amanda Schwartz, associate director of UT alumni relations.

To place a nomination, go online to <http://utole.do/outstandingteachernom>.

Winners will be recognized at the UT Outstanding Awards Reception Monday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Raddison Grand Ballroom on Health Science Campus.

For more information, contact Schwartz at [amanda.schwartz@utoledo.edu](mailto:amanda.schwartz@utoledo.edu).

## Nominations needed for Rathbun Outreach and Engagement Excellence Award

Nominations are being accepted for the Edith Rathbun Outreach and Engagement Excellence Award.

Take a few minutes to recognize a deserving colleague who has distinguished himself or herself through exceptional community outreach and excellence in community-engaged scholarship, whether in research, teaching or professional service.

Each recipient of the Edith Rathbun Outreach and Engagement Excellence Award will receive \$750. Two awardees will be chosen.

The Rathbun Excellence Award was endowed through a generous and growing gift from Edith Rathbun and further gifts from campus and community donors. It recognizes outstanding outreach and engagement scholarship in any field, discipline or area at The University of Toledo. Full-time faculty members in all colleges are eligible to receive the award. To

support the award, go to <https://give2UT.utoledo.edu> and search Rathbun Outreach & Engagement Excellence Fund.

The deadline to submit nominations is Monday, Feb. 29.

The one-page nomination form is available at <http://utole.do/rathbunawardnom>.

Winners will be recognized at the UT Outstanding Awards Reception Monday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Raddison Grand Ballroom on Health Science Campus.

The selection committee is composed of faculty members who served on the Scholarship of Engagement subcommittee of UT's former Council on Outreach and Engagement.

For more information, contact Penny Thiessen in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at [penny.thiessen@utoledo.edu](mailto:penny.thiessen@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.6171.

## Outstanding Adviser Award nominations due Feb. 19

By Cathy Zimmer

Do you know an outstanding adviser at The University of Toledo?

The deadline to nominate someone for the 2016 Outstanding Adviser Award is Friday, Feb. 19, at 5 p.m.

"The Outstanding Adviser Award is for those advisers who have gone above and beyond to help empower their students," said Dr. Kristen Keith, UT associate professor and undergraduate adviser in the Department of Economics, who is chair of the Outstanding Adviser Award Selection Committee. "We are looking for nominations from students because they are the ones who work with advisers most and whose academic lives are affected the most by outstanding advisers. Alumni, faculty and staff are also encouraged to submit a nomination."

The online nomination form is at <http://utole.do/adviseraward>.

Past recipients of the award are not eligible; a list of winners is online with the nomination form.

The Outstanding Adviser Award will be selected by the committee after

those nominated submit their philosophy statements to show how they advise their students.

"There will be two recipients of the Outstanding Adviser Award, each receiving \$1,500," Keith, who won the award in 2013, said. "The philosophy statements are important; they demonstrate the objectives an adviser has when working with students and what academic advising means to them."

The Outstanding Adviser Award was developed in 1986 for advisers who effectively demonstrate interpersonal skills, educate and empower students to make informed academic decisions, prioritize their commitments to maximize academic success, and who are knowledgeable of UT policies and resources.

Winners will be recognized at the UT Outstanding Awards Reception Monday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Raddison Grand Ballroom on Health Science Campus.

For further information, contact Keith at [kristen.keith@utoledo.edu](mailto:kristen.keith@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.2801.

## In memoriam

**Irene Alise Briga**, Camarillo, Calif., who worked in the UT Bookstore until her retirement in 1989, died Jan. 26 at age 90. She received bachelor's and master's degrees in German from the University in 1979 and 1989, respectively.

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## Global volunteers: UT Peace Corps applications double in 2015

By Christine Long

UT alumna Katie Alber is no longer startled awake by donkeys braying or goats banging on the door of her host family's metal-roofed home in the small West African country of Gambia, where she is serving as a health extension volunteer for two years.

"I have brewed attayah (tea) in the bush, eaten a rat the size of a cat (it tasted like pork), and grown good enough at Mandinka to use sarcasm successfully," Alber posted on Facebook.

Alber has access to the Internet once every few weeks. On her blog, she wrote, "I am loving every second! It is a great and humbling challenge, which I hope will bring meaning and enlightenment."

The 2012 graduate is one of more than 200 UT alumni who have served in the Peace Corps since 1961 when the agency was formed under President John F. Kennedy.

UT is seeing a renewed surge in passion to be a part of the Peace Corps.

Fourteen graduates and soon-to-be graduates of the University submitted applications to the Peace Corps in 2015. That is more than double the previous year.

In 2014, six UT college seniors and alumni applied and four — including Alber — embarked on the journey of immersing

themselves in another culture with a combination of international experience and rewarding work in education, health and the environment.

"For four consecutive years, we have seen growth," Sammy Spann, assistant provost in UT's Center for International Studies and Programs, said. "Seniors and graduates are delaying or taking a breather from their careers to join the Peace Corps and define themselves. Momentum is picking up because this generation is seeing more turmoil. They are interested in spreading compassion and empathy, as well as getting more real-world, life-changing experiences."

A Peace Corps representative will be on Main Campus Thursday, Feb. 18, from 3 to 3:30 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100 for students interested in learning more about this global service.

"Just because you've earned your degree doesn't mean you stop pushing the edge of your comfort zone and global understanding through The University of Toledo," Spann said. "We have made a strong effort to encourage students to consider joining the Peace Corps to improve the human condition, as well as help them gain leadership skills

to attract the attention of employers, including the State Department."

Far from home, Alber works in West Africa to educate families about nutrition and hygiene, to raise awareness about malaria, and to help improve water systems and sanitation practices.

"It may have been a long day of clinic work and 40k+ of biking, but there's always time to stop and enjoy an African sunset," Alber wrote on Instagram.

Alber is one of 350 new Peace Corps volunteers from across the United States sworn into service in December after three months of cultural, language and technical training.

Peace Corps volunteers receive paid living expenses, full health and dental coverage, vacation days, and more than \$8,000 upon completion of service.



**NOW SERVING:** UT alumna Katie Alber is a health extension volunteer through the Peace Corps in the West African country of Gambia.

For more information about applying for the Peace Corps, go to [utoledo.edu/cisp/peacecorp](http://utoledo.edu/cisp/peacecorp).

## Presidential Ambassadors seeking student applicants

By Ashley Gearheart

The University of Toledo Office of Special Events is accepting applications for the Presidential Ambassadors student organization through Friday, Feb. 12.

Ambassadors come from many different academic backgrounds, but they all share a number of important traits: excellence at UT, professionalism, hospitality, character and Rocket pride.

"We are looking for a diverse group of students with a multitude of backgrounds who want to engage with UT leaders, University donors and active alumni," said Michele Ross, UT Presidential Ambassadors adviser.

The UT Presidential Ambassadors organization has been around for more than 25 years and has provided its members with countless opportunities to volunteer and engage with state officials, UT and community leaders, donors, alumni and the general public.

Members volunteer at special University events like ribbon-cutting ceremonies, donor recognition events,

dedication ceremonies, community-wide events such as the Veteran's Day Breakfast and the MLK Unity Celebration, and more.

"It is so gratifying to see these students volunteer their time at events, interact with the guests, and then get an interview opportunity with a major contributor. You can't ask for much more than that," Ross said.

Membership criteria for the program includes a GPA of at least 3.0; full-time UT undergraduate, law or medical student status; campus involvement; loyalty and dedication to the University; ability to attend monthly meetings; and capability to participate in at least two University events each semester.

The ideal candidates are outgoing, responsible, professional, enthusiastic, and have a love for The University of Toledo, according to Ross. Approximately 15 new members will be selected this year.

To apply, visit <http://utoledo.edu/presidentialambassadorapp>. Applications must be printed and turned in to Ross in the Office of Special Events, located in the



**REPRESENTING UT:** Presidential Ambassadors Alec Falkenberg, left, and Kylie Koesters posed for a photo with WTOL's Andrew Kinsey during last month's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Celebration.

Peterson House at 2952 W. Bancroft St., mail stop 962.

For more information, visit <http://utoledo.edu/presambassadors> or contact Ashley Citraro, vice president of membership of the

Presidential Ambassadors, at [ashley.citraro@rockets.utoledo.edu](mailto:ashley.citraro@rockets.utoledo.edu).



## 'The Vagina Monologues' to return to UT, raise money for YWCA Hope Rape Crisis Center

By Ashley Gearheart

"The Vagina Monologues," an emotion-packed journey through the female experiences of love, sex, rape, menstruation, birth and more, will return to The University of Toledo Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13, in the Driscoll Alumni Center Auditorium.

The event, which will begin with a resource fair at 6 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. on Saturday, is sponsored by the UT Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program and brought to the community by V-Day UT.

V-Day is a global activist movement determined to end violence against women and girls. The campaign raises awareness and money for anti-violence organizations and works to regularly revitalize efforts.

Several UT students and a handful of community members will perform "The Vagina Monologues." Eve Ensler wrote the play that premiered in 1996

after interviewing more than 200 women about their experiences and views on relationships, sex and violence against women.


Lily Ostrander, a second-year pharmacy major and director of this year's program, said the monologues raise awareness about topics no one wants to discuss, like sexual assault and domestic violence, and show survivors they are not alone.

"To me, 'The Vagina Monologues' are about diminishing the stigma around women's bodies by claiming the word 'vagina' as something we don't have to talk about in hush-hush voices behind closed doors," Ostrander said. "It's about not feeling embarrassed or shamed about our bodies, and empowering women to acknowledge and claim their sexuality."

The resource fair that precedes the event will include a number of local organizations and businesses that are

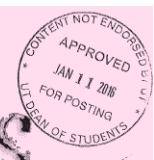
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**VAGINA MONOLOGUES**  
By Eve Ensler

February  
12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>



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admission

Driscoll Alumni Center Auditorium



run by women or empower women and other intersecting identities. Among the organizations scheduled to be at the event are the People Called Women Bookstore, UT Feminist Alliance, Spectrum, Women of Toledo, Khroma Magazine and others.

Tickets for the play are \$5 for students and \$10 for general admission and can be

purchased at the door. Proceeds from this year's event will go to Northwest Ohio's YWCA Hope Rape Crisis Center.

For more information, contact Ostrander at [lillian.ostrander@rockets.utoledo.edu](mailto:lillian.ostrander@rockets.utoledo.edu).

## Grammy Award-winning jazz pianist to perform at Tatum Scholarship concert

By Angela Riddel

Grammy Award-winning jazz pianist, composer and arranger Bill Cunliffe will be the guest artist for the 2016 Art Tatum Memorial Jazz Scholarship Concert Monday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in the UT Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

Cunliffe, who is known for his innovative and swinging recordings and compositions, began his career as pianist and arranger with the Buddy Rich Big Band. He has worked with Frank Sinatra, Joe Henderson, Freddie Hubbard, Benny Golson and James Moody, to name a few. He has since established himself as a solo artist and bandleader, with more than a dozen albums under his name.

He currently plays with his trio; his big band; his Latin band, *Imaginación*; and his classical-jazz ensemble, *Trimotif*. He performs in the United States and around the world as a leader and sideman, as well as a soloist with symphony orchestras.

Recent recordings include the Bill Cunliffe Trio 2013 album titled *River Edge, New Jersey*, with bassist Martin Wind and drummer Tim Horner, and a 2015 solo disc titled *Playground Swing*, which features "Wheels on

the Bus," "The Flintstones," "Over the Rainbow" and "Happy."

Cunliffe is a professor of music at California State University at Fullerton, where he was recognized as a distinguished faculty member in 2010. He also has written several books, including *Uniquely Christmas* (2012) and *Jazz Piano Inventions* (2005), for Alfred Publications.

The concert is presented by The University of Toledo Department of Music Jazz Studies Program. Proceeds from ticket sales support the Art Tatum Memorial Jazz Scholarship, which benefits minority students who want to study jazz at UT.

Advance tickets are \$15 for general admission, and \$10 for UT faculty, staff, alumni and students, as well as seniors 60 and older and members of the military. Visit [utoledo.tix.com](http://utoledo.tix.com) or call 419.530.ARTS (2787). Tickets also will be available at the door.

To support the Art Tatum Memorial Jazz Scholarship, visit <https://give2UT.utoledo.edu> and search Tatum.



Cunliffe



## Student Food Pantry moves on campus

By Meghan Cunningham

Cans of corn, boxes of raisin bran and, of course, many packages of Ramen noodles are now available to students on Main Campus with the relocation of the Student Food Pantry to the Student Union.

Now in the high-traffic area off the Student Union's main entrance, the Student Food Pantry in room 2504 across from the Commuter Lounge offers students convenient access to donated meals and snacks.

"It can be difficult to concentrate on your homework and study for a test if you are hungry or concerned about how you will get groceries. Thanks to the generosity of our faculty, staff, students and alumni, we are able to offer this resource for students to help ensure they are in a position to be successful," said Virginia Speight, associate vice president of student affairs and director of residence life.

UT previously partnered with Toledo Campus Ministry to offer a food pantry at its location just off campus that served students



Photos by Daniel Miller

**NEW LOCATION:** Adrienna Hutchins, a graduate assistant for the Division of Student Affairs, helped relocate the Student Food Pantry to Student Union Room 2504.



**STOCKING UP:** Vedante Kale, UT student and worker in the Student Food Pantry, filled up the shelves.

by appointment. The opportunity arose to move the food pantry on campus, and student staff is on hand to serve their peers Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

With their student ID, UT students can visit the Student Food Pantry twice a month to get a basket and fill it with food — three days worth of three meals per day.

The Student Food Pantry was stocked with items thanks to a campus food drive during the holiday season.

Individuals interested in making a donation of non-perishable food items should contact Speight at 419.530.7262 or virginia.speight@utoledo.edu.

## UT College of Law offers LSAT Prep Course Scholarships

By Rachel Phipps

The University of Toledo College of Law will award 20 Law School Admission Test (LSAT) Prep Course Scholarships this spring in partnership with Kaplan Test Prep.

Scholarship applications may be submitted on the College of Law website at <http://utole.do/lsatscholarship> through Friday, March 11.

The Kaplan LSAT Advantage Course will be offered at the College of Law Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m. starting April 13 through May 23. The retail cost of the course is \$1,399.

The College of Law scholarship will subsidize the Kaplan course for applicants who would not otherwise be able to afford the course. If selected, LSAT Prep Course Scholarship recipients will pay \$300 for the course.

"We want to help all students interested in a legal career get the practice needed to succeed on the LSAT," said Jessica Mehl, assistant dean for admissions at the College of Law.

Scholarship applications will be evaluated based on the applicant's need for financial assistance and a statement relating how the applicant will add a diverse perspective to the legal profession. Scholarship recipients will be notified by Friday, March 18.

More information is available at <http://utole.do/lsatscholarship>.

Interested individuals also may contact the Law Admissions Office at 419.530.4131 or [law.admissions@utoledo.edu](mailto:law.admissions@utoledo.edu).

## Students encouraged to apply for Phi Kappa Phi scholarships

The University of Toledo chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is accepting applications for its Awards of Excellence scholarships for UT students who will be returning to the University fall semester 2016.

Three recipients for \$500 awards will be selected.

To be eligible, students must have a GPA of 3.6 or higher or equivalent. Each applicant must submit a resumé, a 500-word essay, and two letters of recommendation.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, March 18.

Applicants do not need to be a member of Phi Kappa Phi to be eligible for the scholarship. Graduate students also are encouraged to apply.

The application form is available at <http://bit.ly/UTPKPScholarship> or by contacting Page Armstrong at 419.530.6059, Barbara Floyd at 419.530.2170 or Wade Lee at 419.530.4490.

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## Helping hand



UT pharmacy student Sarah Kelly showed local Girl Scouts how to correctly wrap a sprained wrist last month when a few troops visited the University's Health Science Campus. Kelly is a member of the professional pharmacy sorority Lambda Kappa Sigma, which hosted the troops and helped the Girl Scouts earn first aid badges.

## UT pharmacy students to host Cleveland conference in March

By Christine Long

The University of Toledo chapter of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association is encouraging pharmacy students and faculty to sign up for the 2016 regional conference that will take place Friday through Sunday, March 11-13, at the Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland.

This year the 90-member UT chapter is hosting the conference that will draw pharmacy students and pharmacists from across the country.

"We want to revive passion for pharmacy," Ami Mehta, a second-year pharmacy student at UT and association member, said. "Our mission is to serve the underserved."

UT student leaders titled the conference "ROCK YOURx WORLD!"

"The weekend event is a good way to network, meet potential employers, and



grow personally and professionally," Akeem Bale, president of the local chapter and third-year pharmacy student at UT, said. "We have organized a clinicals competition and a talent show to celebrate our diversity. Plus, we will hold several innovative continuing education workshops, such as financial literacy and the dangers of drug abuse."

To register for the conference, go to <http://utoledo.do/pharmmeeting>.

## Satellites \$5.99 sale this week

Need a gift for Valentine's Day? Or something for a birthday that's coming up?

Stop by the Everything's \$5.99 Blowout Sale hosted by the volunteers from the Satellites Auxiliary this week in the Four Seasons Bistro Atrium.

The sale will be held Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, Feb. 11, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There'll be jewelry, fashion accessories, toys and games, gadgets, sunglasses, purses, books and more.

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

Profits will benefit the patient care programs.

The Satellites Auxiliary promotes education, research and service programs; provides support of patient programs in accordance with the needs and approval of administration; conducts fundraising events; and offers volunteer services.

For more information on the sale, contact Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites Auxiliary, at [lynn.brand@utoledo.edu](mailto:lynn.brand@utoledo.edu).



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## Women's basketball team to hold 'Rockets for the Cure' Feb. 13 vs. Ohio

By Brian DeBenedictis

**T**oledo will hold its eighth annual "Rockets for the Cure" Saturday, Feb. 13, as the Midnight Blue and Gold host reigning Mid-American Conference champion Ohio at 2 p.m. in Savage Arena.

The MAC cross-division matchup will help benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Northwest Ohio and the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center. The Rockets encourage everyone in attendance to wear pink in support of cancer research.

The goal of "Rockets for the Cure" is to provide breast cancer education to the community, provide encouragement to the survivors fighting and their families, celebrate the survivors who have won the fight, remember those who were less fortunate, and pack Savage Arena with 5,000 or more Rocket fans in pink.

Groups of 15 or more may purchase tickets at the group rate of \$7 per ticket prior to game day. The first 500 group tickets sold will receive a free "Rockets for the Cure" T-shirt. The group rate and free T-shirts can be redeemed when fans purchase 15 or more

tickets at one time prior to game day and are based on availability.

When the doors open until the end of halftime, fans are encouraged to take part in a silent auction on the West Concourse. All proceeds benefit the UT Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Northwest Ohio and the UT Center for Successful Living.

The Rockets will once again wear pink uniforms for the game. Guest emcee Chrys Peterson and the Rockets will host a live auction of the jerseys worn during the contest. All proceeds will benefit the UT Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Northwest Ohio.

For the second straight year, Coach Tricia Cullop has pledged to donate \$25 for every Toledo free throw made and asks the Toledo community to do the same. To make a pledge, contact the Athletic Marketing Office at 419.530.2482 or make a pledge at the game. All proceeds will go to the UT Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Northwest Ohio.

Last season, Toledo raised \$14,893 for breast cancer research, marking the fourth time in the last five years they have collected at least \$14,000. Four of the uniforms that were auctioned off after the contest

went for more than \$700, including a high of \$1,100 for Inma Zanoguera.

For tickets, go to <http://utole.do/feb13tix>.

## 2016 Toledo football season tickets on sale

By Paul Helgren

**S**eason tickets for The University of Toledo's 2016 football season are now on sale.

Season tickets can be purchased for as low as \$80 and include a reserved seat for all six Rocket home games.

Toledo will play Maine Saturday, Sept. 10, and Fresno State Saturday, Sept. 17, in the Glass Bowl. Other home games this season will be Ball State, Central Michigan, Bowling Green and Ohio. Those dates will be announced later.

Fans can purchase season tickets at the UT Athletic Ticket Office, by phone at 419.530.4653 or online at [utrockets.com](http://utrockets.com).

Rocket fans who purchase or renew their season tickets by Monday, April 11, will receive a free Jason Candle bobblehead.

For the best seats in the house, fans can purchase Sideline A Season Tickets for \$185. Other season ticket options include the Rocket Flex Plan for \$185, which allows you to create your own ticket plan, or the Touch Down Zone, available at a discounted rate in a seating location that is perfect for families. Discounted season ticket options also are available for UT

employees, UT retirees, Toledo recent alumni, and UT band/cheer/dance/mascot parents.

Then there is the Ultimate Fan Plan, with seating located on the upper east side of the stadium for \$80. Fans receive a season ticket, free parking, \$24 in concession vouchers, and a \$20 gift card to Rocky's Locker.

New this year for season ticket members is the Season Ticket Membership Benefits Card. Toledo season ticket members may present their card at Rocky's Locker for a 20 percent discount throughout the season, as well as other special offers. The Season Ticket Membership Benefits Card is not available for the Ultimate Fan Plan.

Season Ticket Members renewal invoices have been mailed to all 2015 season ticket members, but fans also can utilize the UT Ticket Office Online Ticket Central at [utrockets.com](http://utrockets.com) to renew season tickets or call 419.530.GOLD (4653).

For more information about any football season ticket plans, call the UT Athletic Ticket Office at 419.530.GOLD (4653).

## Big day



Photo by Daniel Miller

UT Head Football Coach Jason Candle announced that the Rockets added 21 signees to their 2016 recruiting class during a special event Wednesday in Savage Arena. Candle and his staff cast a wide net to snag their recruits. Ten signees are from relatively local areas: five from Ohio, three from Michigan and two from Pennsylvania. But an impressive seven recruits come from the talent-rich state of Florida, and one each from Alabama, Texas, Maryland and Connecticut. "We recruit character first, and I feel like all of our signees are great kids," Candle said. "A lot of guys are coming from winning programs, have played in state championship games or won state championships. They understand the culture of winning football."