



Day of Giving Support Grows to \$859,990

Alumni and friends, faculty and staff, students and UToledo retirees came together to support “Rocket Forward: You Launch Lives,” the third annual Day of Giving fundraising campaign. A total of 2,778 donors contributed \$859,990 to the campaign, which took place Oct. 15 and 16.

The goal of the campaign was to create awareness about the impact philanthropy can have at UToledo when the University’s community members support this annual fundraiser.

This year, activities took place on both Health Science Campus and Main Campus. These included a fall festival on Centennial Mall with student organizations providing games and activities to raise money for the Student Activities Fund. President Sharon L. Gaber visited both campuses Oct. 15 to help spread the word about the fundraising campaign, which supports many individuals, programs and opportunities across campus.

Gifts, designated for a wide variety of uses, were made to this third annual Day of Giving, during which campaign advocates took to social media to encourage giving.

“We want to thank all of our University of Toledo students, alumni, faculty and staff, and friends who contributed to the 2019 Day of Giving campaign,” said Cheryl Zwyer, senior associate

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WITH GRATITUDE: Alexa Gaydos, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Letters, wrote a thank-you postcard to donors during the Day of Giving Fall Festival on Centennial Mall.



Photos by Daniel Miller

SMILE: President Sharon L. Gaber posed for a photo with nursing students Zoe Koster-Mockeridge, left, and Tyler Tovatt at the College of Nursing’s Day of Giving celebration on Health Science Campus.

UToledo Alumna Powering Opportunity for Minorities in Tech

By Tyrel Linkhorn

Irma Olguin Jr. is an unlikely tech leader, building a technology ecosystem in an equally unlikely place.

As the co-founder and chief executive officer of Bitwise Industries in Fresno, Calif., Olguin is one of the leading forces in an effort to revive underdog cities by building a robust – and inclusive – technology sector.

Collectively, the company has redeveloped 250,000 square feet of space in downtown Fresno, created 2,000 jobs, and trained more than 4,000 computer coders.

Bitwise recently secured \$27 million in investor funding, allowing it to continue its growth in Fresno and expand to a new market in Bakersfield, Calif.

That kind of success was far from the

future Olguin imagined herself having as a teenager growing up in a small town near Fresno in California’s Central Valley.

“I grew up the daughter of farm laborers. In my head, I was going to be the daughter of farm laborers for the rest of my life,” she said. “I didn’t expect college to be part of my story.”

After scoring exceptionally well on the PSAT, however, scholarship offers began rolling in. One offer in particular stood out for how comprehensive and supportive it was. At 17, Olguin scraped together money for a Greyhound ticket, packed her bags, and left California for the first time to begin classes at The University of Toledo College of Engineering.

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Photo from Bitwise Industries

TECH TRAILBLAZER: Irma Olguin Jr., a 2004 UToledo graduate, is the co-founder and CEO of Bitwise Industries in Fresno, Calif.

Flu Shot Clinics Scheduled

Check your calendar and make plans to receive the influenza vaccination.

It's something everyone should make time for, according to Dr. Susan Batten, UToledo associate professor of nursing.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) predicts there will be 37 to 43 million cases of flu in the United States this year, with 35,000 to 61,000 flu-related deaths," she said. "35,000 is an impressive number, equal to the population of UToledo students, staff, volunteers, faculty and administration."

Students, faculty and staff can minimize the risk for getting seasonal flu by thorough hand washing and getting an influenza vaccination, according to Batten.

"The CDC is urging early vaccination because the flu virus spread is expected to escalate in October and November," Batten said. "Pregnant women, immunocompromised individuals, and those with severe respiratory or heart issues should seek a flu shot early. It takes

two weeks to build immunity after getting a flu shot."

The University provides free influenza immunization for students and employees. Walk-in clinics will be held on Health Science and Main campuses. Nurses and nursing students will administer the vaccine.

UToledo Medical Center faculty, staff, students and volunteers not granted a waiver for medical or religious reasons are required to receive an influenza vaccination. Prior to the vaccination, employees must fill out a consent form, which is available at influenza.utoledo.edu. Those who have received flu shots elsewhere may upload documentation of their vaccination at the same website. Proof of immunization must be received by Dec. 1.

Main Campus students and employees can save time and register at influenza.utoledo.edu before going to a clinic.

Influenza vaccination clinics will take place:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 23** – Health Education Building Lobby on Health Science Campus from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 24** – Mulford Library Annex 245 from 7:15 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 29** – UToledo Medical Center Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 30** – Sullivan Athletic Complex in Savage Arena near Rocky's Locker from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - UToledo Medical Center Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Nov. 1** – Mulford Library Annex 245 from 7:15 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 6** – Stranahan Hall Lobby from 8 a.m. to noon.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 13** – Health and Human Services Building Lobby from 8 a.m. to noon.

Chilled Water Plants to Shut Down Oct. 21

The heat will be on soon. The chilled water plants on campus will shut down, and buildings will transition from cooling to heating starting Monday, Oct. 21.

"As in previous years, we rely on the long-term weather forecast to influence our decision and timing for making this change," Jason Toth, senior associate vice president for administration, said.

"Once this change is made, we will no longer have cooling capability in the majority of buildings on campus," he said. "This does not apply to patient-care areas as we maintain the ability to cool those year round."

While a warm day or two may be on the horizon, the 30-day weather forecast does not call for days warmer than the 60s.

"Even though you may experience a warmer office or classroom day, please note that shutting down the plants saves the University thousands of dollars monthly," Toth said.

Any areas experiencing temperatures well outside the normal range should contact Facilities and Construction at 419.530.1420.

Applications Sought for Staff Diversity Mini-Grant Program

By Bailey Sparks

The University of Toledo Office of Diversity and Inclusion is launching the Staff Diversity Mini-Grant Program.

These grants will provide financial assistance for new and innovative projects, workshops and activities that strengthen excellence in diversity and inclusion.

Three \$500 grants will be awarded each academic year.

"This program is in support of staff increasing students' sense of belonging in our diverse student population," Malaika Bell, program manager for the Office of

Diversity and Inclusion, said. "This sense of belonging has a direct correlation to higher graduation and retention rates."

The deadline to apply is Monday, Nov. 25. Go to utoledo.edu/diversity/mini-grant.html.

The awards will be announced in December so the programs can be held during spring semester, Bell said.

For more information, contact the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at 419.530.5531.

American Language Institute Receives Accreditation

It's official: The American Language Institute has received a five-year accreditation from the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation.

That means UToledo's intensive English program is one of nine in Ohio with accreditation. There are more than 40 programs in the state.

"We are so proud to receive this prestigious accreditation," Sara F. Clark, director of the Center for International Studies and Programs, said. "The two-year application process was extensive and validates the comprehensive value of the American Language Institute."

Last fall, the institute submitted a 165-page self-study with more than 150 supporting documents. In April, three Commission on English Language Program Accreditation representatives conducted an on-site visit.

The Commission on English Language Program Accreditation is the only specialized accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

"According to an internal report by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation, only about 20% of all applied intensive language programs earn the initial five-year accreditation, the best outcome we possibly could achieve," said Dr. Ting Li, English as a second language coordinator and instructor in the American Language Institute. "That undoubtedly confirms the strong external validity of the American Language Institute."

In addition, the American Language Institute is accredited by the University

and College Intensive English Programs; only three programs in Ohio are recognized by this agency.

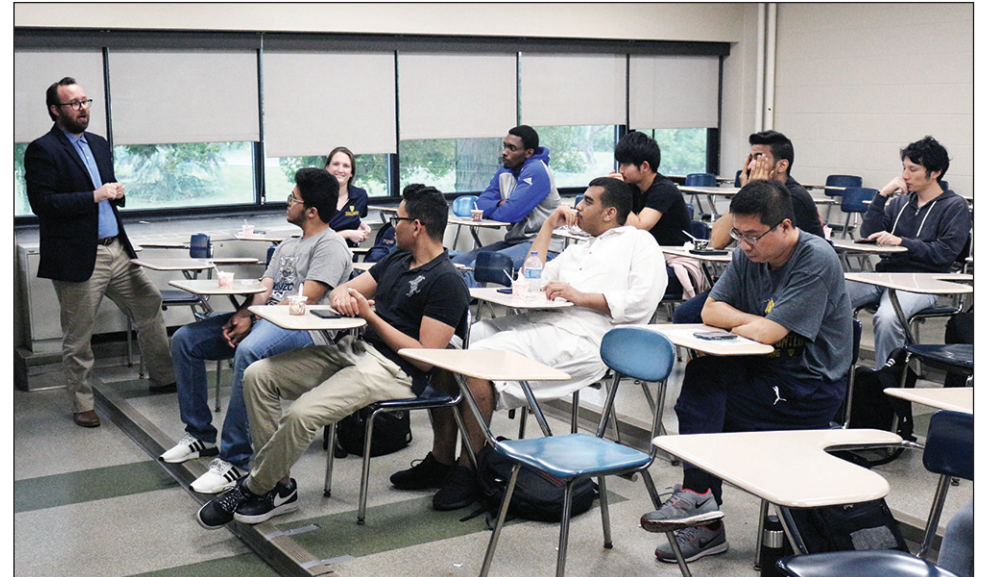
And the American Language Institute is a member of English USA, the only organization in the United States that includes all types of intensive English programs.

"The American Language Institute is the only intensive language program in the Ohio and Michigan region that has received accreditation and membership by all three organizations – the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation, the University and College Intensive English Programs, and English USA," Clark said. "We see the value of our program every day as we help students, but it's nice to have that external validation, too."

Founded in 1977, the American Language Institute's intensive English program has provided more than 8,000 students, scholars and area residents of international origin with the academic language skills and the American cultural background to foster meaningful engagement with the University and the community. A majority of those English and second-language learners matriculated to UToledo undergraduate and graduate programs.

"With our skill-based course work and extracurricular offerings, the American Language Institute assists students gain cross-cultural skills," Ting said.

Go to utoledo.edu/cisp/ali to learn more.



Photos by Rafael Fay De Rosa

IN THE CLASSROOM: Ryan Wright, instructor in the UToledo American Language Institute, talked to students in the institute during an ice cream social.



SCREEN TIME: Students worked in the American Language Institute Computer Lab.

Coming Soon: International Education Week

The Center for International Studies and Programs is planning to celebrate International Education Week Monday through Friday, Nov. 11-15.

The week is an opportunity to spotlight the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of

State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of the efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences.

"We want everyone on campus to participate in International Education

Week," Xinren Yu, assistant director of the Center for International Studies and Programs, said. "If you have an event related to international education and it's happening that week, we want to know."

Event information should be shared at <https://forms.gle/N5aBRwUidsP3HPbE6>.

"We will select events to be included

in our International Education Week calendar," Yu said.

Events should be submitted for consideration by Friday, Nov. 1.

For more information, contact Yu at xinren.yu@utoledo.edu.

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“For many, going off to college might be obvious or second nature, but it was certainly not the case for me or my family. How am I going to eat, where am I going to live? The University of Toledo provided a great deal of that in the scholarship package, and it allowed me to whittle down the number of issues I had to worry about.”

Her experience at UToledo changed her life.

Olguin received a bachelor’s degree in computer science and engineering in 2004 and returned to Fresno, where she soon entrenched herself not only as one of the area’s technology pioneers, but one with a mission.

“The technology industry has a giant need to fill jobs,” she said. “We have to do a better job of making more people capable of filling those roles, and I think the solution is looking in unlikely places.”

Following a short stint in education, Olguin co-founded 59DaysOfCode, a software development competition that, in part, was meant to show off the area’s capability and talent. The competition has since grown into a nonprofit organization promoting and fostering technology development in and around the Fresno area.

Olguin also co-founded Hashtag, the area’s first membership-based collaborative workspace, and started

a successful software development company.

In 2013, she co-founded Bitwise Industries.

Bitwise is attempting to build the tech industry from multiple angles. The firm has a coding academy, a business incubator, custom software design services, a real estate development arm, and a service that matches programmers and engineers with local businesses who need tech support.

One of the key parts of Bitwise is the diversity of its coding academy. The company says more than half of its Geekwise Academy students are women or people of color.

“The technology industry as a whole has been grappling for an answer on how to build a diverse and inclusive work force and has completely fallen short,” Olguin said. “All the big names have statements saying this is a problem and we don’t know how to fix it. We think we’re sitting on the solution to that.”

And Olguin believes the true obstacles to getting more women and minorities in tech aren’t desire and aptitude – “you find those aplenty,” she said – it’s small things like a bus ticket, appropriately using email, or finding childcare.

The supportive network Olguin found



Olguin

Photo from Bitwise Industries

at UToledo helped her unlock her own potential. Now it’s important for Olguin to help others unlock their potential.

“The University of Toledo is near and dear to my heart and played a huge role in my formative years,” Olguin said. “The College of Engineering was a really welcoming place even though I was very much in the minority in terms of gender and race. I felt very much a part of the school system and believed from day one that people were there to see us succeed.”

Students Invited to Learn More About Psychology Department

By Bailey Sparks

The UToledo Department of Psychology Diversity Committee is hosting an event, “Get Psyched About Psychology,” Friday, Nov. 1, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Thompson Student Union Room 2584.

Undergraduate students from all majors are invited to attend, especially those who are from minority and underrepresented groups – ethnic minority students, first-generation students, LGBTQIA students, students with disabilities.

Dr. Mojisola F. Tiamiyu, associate professor of psychology, promises finger foods and door prizes at the event, which will focus on academic and career opportunities in psychology.

“Minority and underrepresented groups will have an opportunity to chat with faculty members and graduate students of the Psychology Department in order to learn more about psychology; our lab and research activities; our graduate program; graduate school; and careers in psychology,” said Tiamiyu, chair of the Psychology Department Diversity Committee and director of the Community Psychology Research Lab.

For more information, contact Tiamiyu at mojisola.tiamiyu@utoledo.edu.

Serving Healthcare Needs of Transgender Population Topic of Upcoming Lecture

By Tyrel Linkhorn

Providing culturally sensitive care to transgender individuals will be the topic of the 12th annual Dorothy Hussain Distinguished Lectureship hosted by The University of Toledo College of Nursing.

Dr. Jordon Bosse, a registered nurse and project manager of research and education for Boulder Care Inc., will be the keynote speaker.

The free, public lecture, “What’s the

“T”? How to Provide Patient-Centered, Culturally Sensitive Care to Transgender People,” will be held Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Collier Building Room 1000. Register in advance at utoledo.edu/nursing/webforms/hussain12.html. Students do not need to register.

Bosse, who holds a Ph.D. in nursing science from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, has worked with vulnerable and marginalized populations

in both the social service and healthcare fields for more than two decades. Much of his work has been focused on the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community.

According to Bosse, many transgender or nonbinary people have had negative experiences in healthcare because of difficulty finding providers who have the knowledge, skills and experience to work with transgender and nonbinary people, a lack of understanding from

physicians, or even the binary choices presented on forms and electronic medical records.

One of the best things healthcare providers can do, he said, is educate themselves.

“Caring for transgender and nonbinary patients isn’t a clinical specialty. You will likely come in contact with people from diverse gender groups in the course of your practice. The only way to know is

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Wanted: Submissions for Lake Erie Center Photo Contest

By Chase M. Foland

The 10th annual Lake Erie Photo Contest is seeking submissions through Sunday, Nov. 3.

Amateur photographers of all ages and skill levels are invited to share their nature photographs from the local area.

The theme of the contest is “The Nature of Our Region: From Oak Openings to Maumee Bay.”

“Our photo contest is important because it showcases the wonderful talent of local amateur photographers,” Rachel Lohner, education program manager at the Lake Erie Center, said.

Color or black-and-white photos will be accepted. Entries are limited to three per person.

Prizes will be awarded in multiple age categories. First-place winners in each category will take home \$25, and the grand-prize winner will receive \$100.

“This contest challenges people to look for beauty in their everyday surroundings,” Lohner said. “We hope that this contest helps people to recognize the value of our outdoor spaces and resources, and develop a greater appreciation and respect for nature.”

Winners of the contest will be invited to attend an awards reception and receive their prizes in January.

Read more about the contest and enter photos at utoledo.edu/nsm/lec/webforms/LEC-Photo-Contest.html.

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to ask,” he said. “Get in the habit of asking all patients what they would like to be called, what pronouns they use and then use them. If people give responses you’ve not heard before, it’s OK to ask for more information.”

Bosse will be joined by Dr. Michelle Boose and Dr. Robert Gottfried, both assistant professors in the Department of Family Medicine in the UToledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences, for the conversation on serving healthcare needs of the transgender population.

The lecture is named after the late Dorothy Gladys Hussain, whose professional career spanned 32 years as a staff nurse and critical care nurse at the former Medical College of Ohio Hospital. She was known for patient advocacy and championing patients’ rights.



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vice president for development at The University of Toledo Foundation. “Each year, we see Rockets join together in support of so many important programs across campus. Collectively, you have created opportunities for students and faculty to complete degrees, pursue innovative research projects, and impact many of the biggest issues facing our communities. We are grateful for your generosity.”

Contributions will support scholarships and faculty research across the disciplines that impacts the northwest Ohio region and beyond.



CENTER OF ATTENTION: Brady basked in the glow of the sun and adoration surrounded by, from left, Andrew Oster, Lea Westerhold and Britany Ortiz. The dog-petting station was among many events to raise funds during the Day of Giving Fall Festival on Centennial Mall.

Photo by Daniel Miller

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara A. “Bobbi” Weber, Toledo, who worked at the University for two decades, died Sept. 17 at age 69. She joined the staff in 1973 and was a clerical specialist in the Publications Office through 1993.

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