

## UTOLEDO ALUMNI FEATURE



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**“Motto: “Discover your passion, create your vision and strive towards it no matter how pessimistic others are.”**

My M.B.A. degree is more than a piece of paper. I didn't just breeze through the material to graduate. My courses actually helped me advance my career. For instance, I was able to obtain my current position at Baylor due to Dr. Wittmer's passion and extensive knowledge of Performance Management. In this course, which I took during my last semester, we discussed various topics such as employee morale, effective performance evaluations and more. In my four rounds of interviews for this position, I gained the confidence of the interviewers by using what I learned from Dr. Wittmer to impress them and reinforce their trust in my abilities to succeed in this position and advance within their organization.

Whether you want to advance your career or start your own business, earning a graduate degree at The University of Toledo Neff College of Business and Innovation will offer you these opportunities. Life is all about taking calculated risks and continuing to challenge yourself. Having these traits should always be exemplary since they are valued in business. At The University of Toledo, you will gain these skills, as well as others, that can benefit you in both your personal and professional life. Be brave, push through your fear and know that you will be supported by the entire UToledo community!

**Reisha's recommendations for students:**

"Network with your peers, professors, staff, other faculty, alumni or anyone else you see around campus. I understand it can be hard to talk to people you don't know or to be intimidated by someone with higher qualifications, but there's so much to learn from them! The most valuable components I obtained during my time in the Neff College of Business and Innovation M.B.A. program were the connections I established and the friendships I developed. These relationships include those with peers, professors, university staff and even clinical staff I met at UTMC."

**Office of Graduate Programs**

Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Office of Graduate Programs lobby will be staffed from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday and Wednesday.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 8/30:** First Day of Classes
- 9/6:** Labor Day (no classes, offices closed)
- 10/14 & 15:** Fall Break (no classes)
- 11/11:** Veterans Day (no classes)
- 11/24:** No classes
- 11/25 & 26:** Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
- 12/10:** Last Day of Classes
- 12/13-17:** Final Exam Week
- 12/18:** University Commencement
- 12/23-31:** Winter Break (offices closed)

## UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS &amp; PROGRAMS

- **Mock Interviews**  
September 21-24
- **Resume Critiques**  
September 28
- **Job Fair (On-Campus & Online)**  
September 30
- **Advanced Leadership Academy**  
Spring 2022



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# RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

## Office of International Students and Scholar Services

As a member of the Center for International Studies & Programs, the **Office of International Student and Scholar Services (OISSS)** is dedicated to providing excellence in service to international students, scholars and employees at the University and surrounding community. The Office helps students transition to life at UToledo and in the United States. Some of the services provided by the OISSS include:

- Orientation
- Navigating the university system
- Navigating the immigration system in the U.S.
- Obtaining employment authorization
- Change of status advising
- Tax services (through Sprintax)
- Advocacy for international student/scholar/employee concerns

## Get Involved!

**The Graduate Student Association (GSA)** is an organization that strives to voice the concerns of all 4,924 graduate students at The University of Toledo, while also providing funding to subsidize travel to conferences and symposiums.

Together, we maintain UToledo as a first-rate institution for graduate education across all fields of study, working to improve the human condition.

For complete information, please visit [graduatestudentassociationblog.wordpress.com](http://graduatestudentassociationblog.wordpress.com)

## Office of Multicultural Student Success

**The Office of Multicultural Student Success** offers programs and services for the UToledo community in order to help everyone become successful living and working in a diverse world. Join us to celebrate culture during one of our 10 history and heritage months. Events are free to students and many include great food! Participate in Safe Place Training to become an LGBTQA+ ally, or (Un)documented Student Ally Training to learn more about the challenges this population faces. We also offer a series of trainings to earn a diversity certificate. Our space, which includes a lounge with a small computer lab, is open to all students throughout the academic year. Plan to be part of the Spring semester multicultural graduation ceremony!

Please visit us in the Student Union Room 2500 or at [utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss](http://utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss) to learn more!

## Advanced Leadership Academy

Leadership is critical to the long-term success and viability of every 21st-century organization. The University of Toledo **Advanced Leadership Academy** is in the business of developing leaders who can rise to this challenge.

Selection into The Advanced Leadership Academy is competitive and determinations are made by each college's graduate programs based on the graduate student's academic performance, campus and community engagement track record and leadership potential.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Dr. Jenell Wittmer at [Jenell.Wittmer@UToledo.edu](mailto:Jenell.Wittmer@UToledo.edu).



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