

UTOLEDO STAR ALUMNI COLUMN



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**MBA, Finance and Healthcare
Systems Management Alumna**

Class of '13

Doctoral Candidate, Cairo University

Motto: "To be a success, be different!"

“Pursuing an M.B.A. at UToledo’s COBI was a dream come true and my experience as a full-time graduate assistant in the John B. and Lillian E. Neff Department of Finance literally did change my life! I discovered a passion for both research and teaching, hence I made a career shift from banking to academia. Currently, I’m a Doctoral Candidate in Cairo University’s Faculty of Commerce DBA program, majoring in Finance and Investment.

As an international student, never once did I feel out of place; on the contrary, UToledo always felt like home. The academic community and culture are so embracing, diverse and welcoming, making it impossible to feel homesick. I also had the privilege of serving on COBI's Diversity Committee as the Graduate Students' representative for 2013. Nevertheless, double majoring in Finance and Healthcare Systems Management expanded my horizons immensely. This made me realize how interconnected fields are and that it's okay to tap into new areas and succeed. That's an exceptional opportunity provided by COBI that all students must seize."

Nancy's recommendations for students:

"The Finance department's Trading Room is a must-see; having access to Bloomberg Terminals and hands-on-training on trading, investment, portfolio management and research (secondary data).

For all the coffee lovers and night owls, such as myself, the student lounge/kitchen area is definitely a haven where the vending machine's coffee never runs out."

Office of Graduate Programs

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

Appointments are available by phone or through WebEx; please leave a message to set your appointment: 419.530.5680

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 01/08:** Spring tuition payment due
- 01/18:** Martin Luther King Day
- 01/19:** First day of Spring classes
- 01/25:** Last day to web-register for Spring
- 01/29:** Deadline to apply for graduation
- 02/02:** Last day to drop classes
- 02/16:** No classes (break)
- 03/10:** No classes (break)
- 03/26:** Last day to withdraw
- 03/29:** No classes (break)
- 04/29-04/30:** No classes (break)
- 05/03-05/07:** Finals week
- 05/07:** Spring COBI Convocation
- 05/08:** Spring University Commencement
- 05/11:** Spring grades due
- 05/21:** Deadline to apply for Summer 2020 graduation

EVENTS

- **J.C. Penney Suit Up Event**
TBA
- **Resume Critiques**
February 22nd & 23rd
- **COBI Virtual Job Fair**
February 25th
- **Diversity Career Fair**
March 10th
- **University Commencement**
May 8th



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

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 our **website** to learn more!

COBI Business Innovation Competition

If you have a great business idea, this may be your chance to **win up to \$10,000 to help you establish your business.** The College of Business and Innovation (COBI) invites University of Toledo faculty, staff and students to participate in a business innovation competition detailing your unique business idea.

This competition reflects UToledo's belief in innovative thinking and is intended to advance a creative culture of growth in all areas of the University.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Dr. Larry Fink at Laurence.Fink@Utoledo.edu



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