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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear graduates,

On behalf of all of us at The University of Toledo, congratulations on your graduation!

We are excited to have the opportunity to celebrate the Class of 2021's achievements and resilience with a series of in-person commencement events. You have demonstrated such focus, perseverance and strength to overcome the challenges presented by COVID-19 during the last year. Now we celebrate you and your successful academic journey.

As you reflect on your hard work and dedication that led to this accomplishment, also take a moment to recognize the family, friends and other important people in your life who have supported you throughout your education. Those loved ones share in your accomplishment.

Achieving this milestone was not easy. You made sacrifices along the way in order to pursue your degree. Congratulations on achieving your goal! But also recognize that your graduation does not mark the end of your journey of learning and discovery. The critical thinking skills you've developed as a UToledo student have prepared you for a commitment to lifelong learning. We can't wait to see all that you'll accomplish.

As a graduate of UToledo, you have a strong foundation for future successes and join a network of support spread across the globe. I urge you to take advantage of the resources provided through the UToledo Alumni Association. We have a proud tradition of alumni helping to lift up the next generation of graduates — a tradition I expect you to continue later in your own career.

On behalf of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees and all of us in Rocket Nation, we are incredibly proud of you. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this amazing time in your life.

Congratulations and Go Rockets!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory C. Postel, M.D." The signature is fluid and cursive.

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HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE OF LAW

The College of Law, founded by the downtown Toledo YMCA in 1906, became affiliated with The University of Toledo in 1909. For a time, its faculty consisted entirely of lawyers engaged in practice in Toledo. From 1922-27, the college was a department of the University's former College of Arts and Sciences. In 1927, it was reestablished as the College of Law under the leadership of Dean Charles W. Racine. During his tenure, the college revamped its curriculum and expanded the law library collection.

In 1939, the college appointed its first full-time dean, Edward S. Stimson. Dean Stimson hired a full-time faculty, including the distinguished international law and jurisprudence teacher and scholar, Dr. Joseph L. Kunz. He and his colleagues brought the law library up to required size and content for purposes of accreditation. The American Bar Association (ABA) granted provisional approval and later full approval in 1941. The college was admitted to membership in the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) in the fall of 1941. Toledo was the first part-time law school to earn approval from the ABA and membership in the AALS.

Charles W. Fornoff joined the College of Law faculty in 1938 and replaced Dean Stimson in 1942. His 18 years of service in that capacity, from 1942-60, are the longest in the school's history. During Dean Fornoff's tenure, enrollment and faculty grew, and the school moved from University Hall to more commodious space on the upper floors of the then-University Library (now Gillham Hall). The school's intra-school moot court arguments – the Fornoff Competition – and the Fornoff Society are named in his honor.

Dean Fornoff was succeeded in 1960 by J. Allen Smith, who served as dean for three years. During this time, preparations were made for the start of a full-time, day-division program, and in 1963 the school admitted its first class of full-time students, ending 57 years of operating only as a part-time, evening-division school.

Karl Krastin was appointed dean in 1963. During his tenure from 1963-76, enrollment and faculty increased nearly threefold. The law library collection expanded rapidly and, in 1969, The University of Toledo Law Review began publication. Richard S. Walinski, now a Toledo lawyer, was its first editor-in-chief. During the late 1960s, the college became extensively involved in clinical legal education and is now a nationally recognized pioneer in this field. One of the highlights of Dean Krastin's tenure was construction and dedication of the badly needed Law Center building, which was completed in 1972. The University's affiliation with the state of Ohio's system of higher education in 1967 resulted in funds becoming available for the construction of the Law Center.

Francis X. Beytagh succeeded Dean Krastin in 1976. He spearheaded the \$500,000 law-library development drive and oversaw construction of the \$2.5 million Law Center addition. He established the Law Placement Office (now the Office of Professional Development) and helped organize the J.D./M.B.A. program in conjunction with the former College of Business Administration (now College of Business and Innovation), as well as an extensive set of continuing legal-education programs.

Following Dean Beytagh's term, alumnus and longtime faculty member John W. Stoepler was hired as dean in 1983. Stoepler, who served as dean until 1990, oversaw several major changes. The college converted from the quarter system to semesters to better serve the needs of its students, and a comprehensive alumni and development program was initiated, which eventually led to the publication of Toledo Transcript. A separate Law Admissions Office was established, and Dean Stoepler continued a trend, begun by Dean Beytagh, to scale back class size to ensure a high-quality learning environment. Due to the work of Deans Beytagh and Stoepler, in 1983, the college became only the second law school nationally with both day and evening programs to be awarded a chapter of the Order of the Coif.

In 1991, Dean Thomas D. Crandall joined the College of Law. Dean Crandall helped establish the Legal Institute of the Great Lakes in 1992. He also started the Fornoff Society, helped recruit its first 50 members, and hired the first full-time development professional.

Albert T. Quick served as dean of the College of Law from 1995-99. During his tenure, he launched an aggressive recruitment program, pursued a development plan in conjunction with the University's capital campaign and concluded the reaccreditation process with the American Bar Association. Dean Quick left the college in 1999.

Phillip J. Closius, who served as dean from 1999-2005, joined the College of Law in September 1979. Under his leadership, the college expanded its efforts to recruit highly qualified faculty and students, and improved its regional and national reputation. The Distinguished Lecture Series, which brings prominent speakers to campus, was initiated during Dean Closius' tenure. He returned to full-time teaching in 2005 and retired from the University in 2007.

Douglas E. Ray served as dean from 2006-10. He had previously served on the UToledo College of Law faculty from 1981-98, including as an associate dean and as the Charles W. Fornoff Professor of Law and Values. He was vice president of Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania, and dean of its College of Law from 1999-2005 before returning to The University of Toledo. During his deanship, the college substantially expanded its professional development programming and public service activities. Dean Ray left the University in 2010.

Daniel J. Steinbock served as interim dean for the 2010-11 academic year and was appointed the college's 17th dean in 2011, serving through 2015. He was a member of the faculty from 1985-2016, and also served as associate dean for academic affairs. During his tenure as dean, the college hired 10 talented, new faculty members. Dean Steinbock oversaw the renovation of the auditorium (now the Richard and Jane McQuade Law Auditorium), the Forum, and other areas of the Law Center.

The current dean, D. Benjamin Barros, joined the College of Law as dean and professor of law in 2015. Prior to his service at the University of Toledo, he was a member of the faculty at Widener University School of Law, also serving as associate dean for academic affairs and associate dean for faculty research and development at that institution. He is committed to providing a student-centered education that prepares graduates for the practice of law, and is committed to leading the College of Law through a period of change in legal practice and education.

These achievements establish a foundation for greater success in the future. The college and those associated with it are indebted to those who came before, whose efforts made these and future accomplishments possible.

HONORS CRITERIA

Summa Cum Laude

- Graduation with Highest Honors
- Highest Honors are awarded to students with an average of at least 3.9 on a 4.0 scale. This is equivalent to an "A" average.

Magna Cum Laude

- Graduation with High Honors
- High Honors are awarded to students with an average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale. This is equivalent to an "A-" average or above.

Cum Laude

- Graduation with Honors
- Honors are awarded to students with an average of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale. This is equivalent to a "B+" average or above.

ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress was first used in Medieval universities in Europe, having evolved from the attire of members of the monastic orders who were the chief scholars of that time. Many varieties of gowns, headdress and hoods have been used, but beginning around 1895, colleges and universities in the U.S. developed a code that most institutions follow.

The Gown

The gown is black and white, traditionally of serge, worsted, poplin or silk, and often made of modern fibers. Sleeves for the bachelor's gown are pointed, for the master's closed with slits for the arms, and for the doctor's round and open. The doctor's gown has a velvet facing and three velvet bars on the sleeves, either black or the color stipulated for the degree held.

The Hood

The hood originated from the tippet or shoulder covering worn by begging friars. The master's hood is narrower and more pointed than the doctor's hood. Hoods are lined with the colors of the institution from which the degree was earned and are edged with the velvet of a color designating the degree.

The Cap

The cap most commonly worn is the black mortarboard. Doctor's caps usually have gold tassels. Others may have black or colored tassels, the latter indicating the field of study.

There are variations, both in hood and headdress, for the degrees earned in foreign countries. Some American universities also have distinguishing academic dress. Holders of doctoral degrees from The University of Toledo and members of its Board of Trustees are entitled to wear the official University of Toledo doctoral costume, adopted by the Board of Trustees on June 11, 1968, at the request of the Graduate Student Association and the graduate faculty.

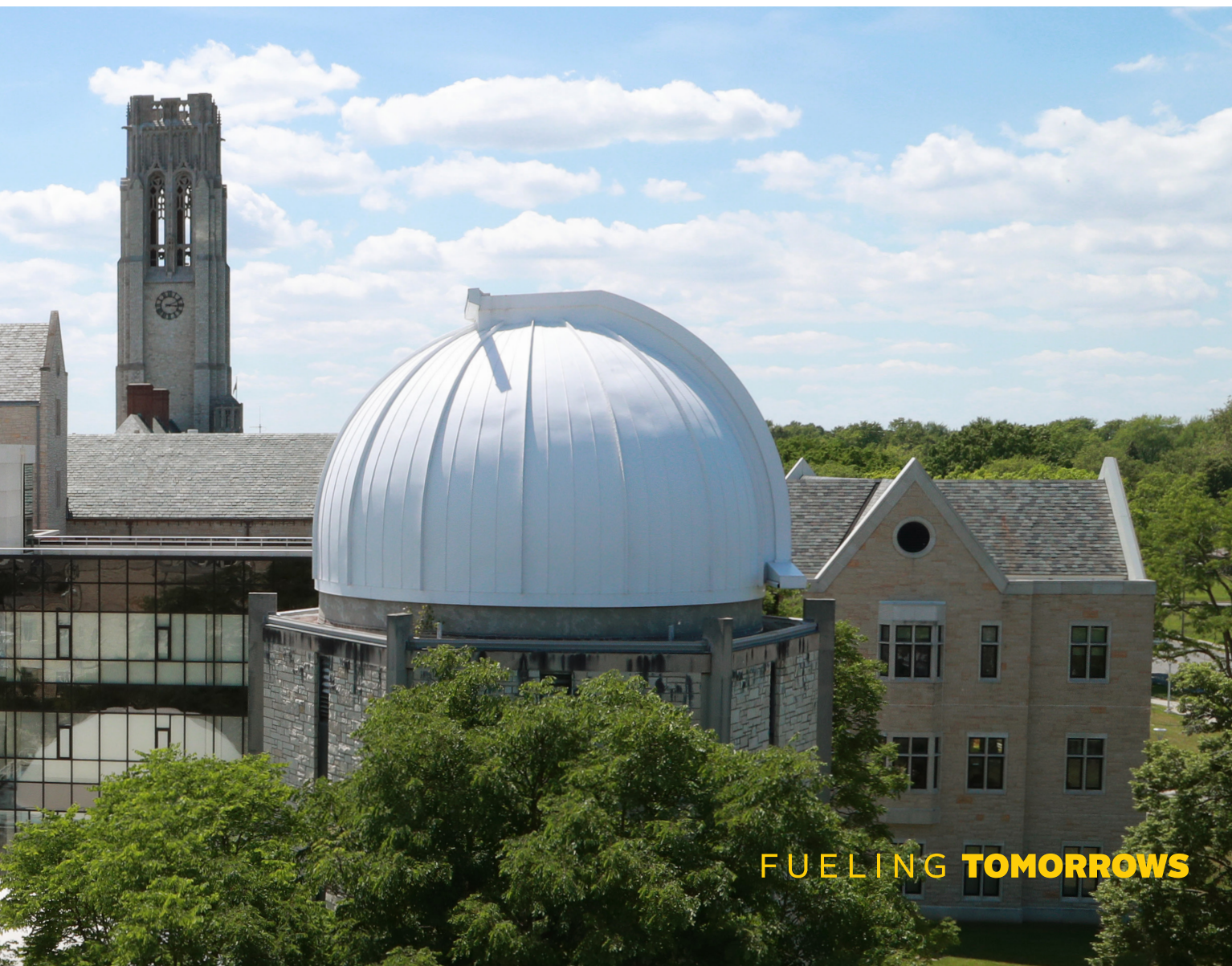
The University of Toledo doctoral costume is in the official colors of the University. The robe is of navy blue faille, with black velvet panels and bars outlined in gold. There is a choice of headgear – the mortarboard in blue or the black velvet tam, each with a gold tassel. The hood of black faille is lined with the colors of the University – navy blue and gold.

Color of trimming for the doctor's gown and for the doctor's and master's hood and the field of learning represented are: white, arts and letters; sapphire blue or drab, business administration; light blue, education; orange, engineering; brown, fine arts; purple, jurisprudence; lemon, library science; green, medicine; pink, music; olive, pharmacy; dark blue, philosophy; and yellow, science.

Cords

Red, white and blue military honor cords recognize graduates who have served or are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.





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