

UT to celebrate Rocky's 50th birthday at Homecoming

By Carly Weigand

Get your party hats on: "Rocky's 50th Golden Birthday Celebration" is the theme of The University of Toledo's Homecoming.

Homecoming is something different for everyone, according to Katie Smith, UT senior and Homecoming director.

"For students, it is a chance to learn more about UT traditions and to make memories. And for alumni, it's a chance to return to UT and reminisce about the memories they made years ago," Smith said.

"I hope that the community gets a better understanding of The University of Toledo and its rich history and traditions. There are many opportunities to participate in this year's Homecoming, and I'd love to see people out making memories of their own."

Homecoming week activities planned this year include:

MONDAY, OCT. 10

- Casino Night, 7 to 10 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Kick off Homecoming week with

a night of Las Vegas-style entertainment. Exchange fun money for tokens to use to play at blackjack and Texas hold 'em tables, money wheels and slot machines. Or swap tokens for Chinese auction raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes.

- Midnight Breakfast, 9 to 11 p.m., Student Union South Dining Hall. Countdown to Rocky's birthday during this midnight breakfast. Ice Cream Militia will perform. Admission is a meal swipe or donation for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

TUESDAY, OCT. 11

- Outdoor Roller Skating Rink, 6 to 8 p.m. in parking lot 8 behind Carter Field. Roller skate with Rocky during his disco birthday party that will feature classic hits such as The Village People's "YMCA" and a limbo competition.

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Alumna donates \$1 million to UT to support teacher education

By Meghan Cunningham

A \$1 million donation from a two-time graduate of The University of Toledo Judith Herb College of Education will support generations of future teachers.

Janet Keller, who received a bachelor of education degree in 1960 and a master of education degree in 1964, said she made the gift "because I love the University."

The former high school Spanish teacher said she and her husband, the Rev. Gerald Keller, were inspired to advance the college's strong reputation as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

"We wanted to do something to help others," Keller said. "I had a wonderful career as a teacher, and I want to help others have that opportunity. We want to see more students become good teachers."

This \$1 million gift builds upon previous generosity from the Kellers, who in 1985 set up the A. Martin and Ruth Zucker Fund in memory of her parents to support student scholarships and other priorities of the Judith Herb College of Education.

"The thank-you notes from the students are a delight to both of us — even my husband who is not a graduate of The

University of Toledo," Keller said. "The notes have been overwhelming. It says a lot about the UT students and the culture."

"The generosity of the Keller family will not only benefit our students here in the Judith Herb College of Education, but also the future students they touch as educators for an impact that will last generations," said Dr. Virginia Keil, interim dean of the college. "I cannot think of a more exciting way to celebrate 100 years of our college than for a graduate to make this type of gift to support our strong future."

Keller said she was inspired by others who have made donations to the University and hopes that their gift will motivate more people to invest in the future of UT's students.



UT alumna Janet Keller and her husband, the Rev. Gerald Keller

"I certainly want those who need that extra support through a scholarship to have the opportunity to continue their education," she said. "It's such an important investment."

As part of the college's 100-year anniversary, a student scholarship drive

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Events slated for College of Education's centennial anniversary

By Vicki L. Kroll

Ask Dr. Virginia Keil why becoming a teacher is so important.

"The reason is simple. As a teacher, you are more than just an educator, you are a leader, a mentor, a content expert, and so much more," Keil, interim dean of the Judith Herb College of Education, said. "You have the ability to lead, to inspire, to challenge, and to make a difference in the lives of students. Teachers are advocates and activists. They change the world one student at a time, and their work has an exponential impact."

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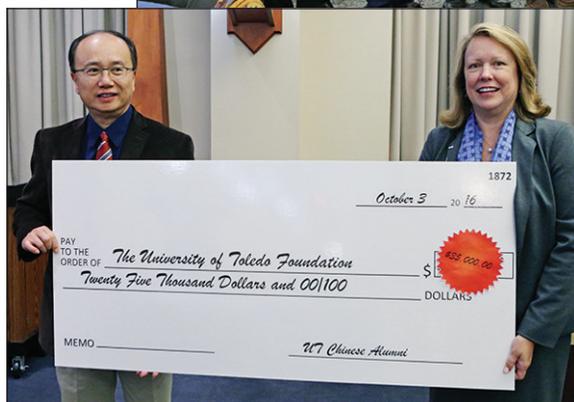
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100 Years

Giving back



Photo by Daniel Miller



UT President Sharon L. Gaber posed for a photo with some of the Chinese alumni from China and the United States who started a UT Foundation endowment that will yield around \$1,400 annually for a scholarship for Chinese students. Among those who visited campus last week and contributed to the \$35,000 donation were, from left, John Yu, Xiaogang Lou, Ming He, Guangzhong Chen, Bob Cryan, Jim Hartung, Ying Chen, J.J. Dai, Ning Liu, Yangkun Song and Jin Qian. Ying Chen presented the president with the check during a ceremony in the Student Union. “We enjoyed our experience here at UT, and those memories will last forever. Now we are delighted to give back to our university as an appreciation,” said Dai, a director at Eaton Corp. who led the donation effort. “I hope what we are doing will help more students and inspire others to do the same thing in the future.”

Strategic planning discussion sessions scheduled

By Barbara J. Owens

The University of Toledo’s strategic planning committee has set up a series of discussion sessions to hear what University stakeholders have to say about UT’s future direction.

Sessions will be held on Main Campus and Health Science Campus during the coming weeks. Separate one-hour sessions have been set up for different stakeholder groups. The sessions are listed at right.

Strategic planning committee co-chair Dr. Laurie Dinnebeil, Distinguished University Professor and chair of early childhood, physical and special education, or committee co-chair Dr. Anthony Quinn, associate professor of biological sciences and assistant dean for diversity and inclusion in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, will lead each meeting, which also will be attended by other representatives from the strategic planning committee.

There will be a very brief overview of the strategic planning process, after which participants will split into small groups to provide input on their views of the University’s future.

Individuals who want to provide their opinions but cannot attend the sessions are encouraged to submit their ideas at utoledo.edu/strategicplan.

Strategic planning discussion sessions

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| Faculty: | Monday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m.
Health Education Building Room 105
on Health Science Campus

Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 2 p.m.
Student Union Room 2584
on Main Campus |
| Students: | Monday, Oct. 17, at noon
Health Education Building Room 105
on Health Science Campus
Pizza will be served

Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.
Student Union Room 3018
on Main Campus
Pizza will be served |
| Staff: | Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 10 a.m.
Collier Building Room 2403
on Health Science Campus

Wednesday, Oct. 26, at noon
Student Union Room 2592
on Main Campus |
| Community: | Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 5:30 p.m.
Rocket Hall Room 1555 on Main Campus |

For more information, visit utoledo.edu/strategicplan

New employee classification and overtime rules coming

On Dec. 1, new rules pertaining to employee classification and overtime will go into effect at the University. The U.S. Department of Labor announced new rules regarding overtime eligibility earlier this year. The new rules impact the way employers classify employees relative to the Fair Labor Standards Act — exempt or non-exempt — as well as the way overtime is managed for non-exempt staff.

The new rule increases the overtime eligibility threshold from \$455 per week (annualized \$23,660 per year) to \$913 per week (annualized \$47,476 per year). It also details approved exemptions for government, public sector and higher education employers, and it clarifies implementation requirements.

Members of the UT Human Resources, Payroll and Legal Affairs departments, along with the senior leadership team, have been working to understand the new rules and their impact on the University. The team is in close communication with the Ohio Attorney General’s Office and the Inter-University Council HR team (comprised of senior HR leaders from all Ohio public colleges and universities) to benchmark best practices across the state.

The HR team has been working with individual departments at the University to assess each employee’s status. Initial assessments have shown that about 90 percent of exempt employees reviewed will experience no change in status. HR is working with leadership in each department to determine what changes will need to be made to abide by the new rules. Communication with individual employees will follow.

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launched this month to engage alumni in supporting future educators.

“The Kellers’ generosity is a fantastic example of the loyalty and generosity of UT alumni, and the important role that graduates play in supporting current and future students,” UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. “We are grateful for this gift and the Kellers’ willingness to tell their story to inspire others to follow their lead and contribute to the University’s future.”

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UT student places in national video contest, travels to D.C.

By Josephine Schreiber

A video Kennedy Pierce created about her internship experiences landed The University of Toledo student a ticket to the nation's capital for the Washington Center's prestigious awards gala.

Pierce, a third-year student at UT studying psychology, placed second in the Washington Center's alumni intern video contest, which led to her escorting Congressman Elijah Cummings, the recipient of the 2016 Pillar Award for Professional Achievement, to the ceremony Sept. 26 in Washington, D.C. It is the center's largest event featuring leaders of business, government and higher education.

Through the Washington Center, Pierce interned for the United States Marshals Service in the Management Support Division in the Office of Fleet Management last summer.

"It helped me narrow my focus on the things I need to make sure I accomplish until I am old enough to apply for a federal agency," she said. "I learned how critical work experience and internships are in building a resumé and making contacts, as well as staying involved and making sure your academics are the best they can be."

Pierce, who plans to relocate to the Washington, D.C., area after graduation, said the internship opened her eyes to the competition in her prospective career field.

She was one of two alumni of the program flown to the capital for the gala through the contest that had the students create a 30-second video that described how the center helped provide leadership opportunities.

In addition to her Washington Center internship, Pierce has worked for U.S. Sen. Rob Portman's campaign, Future Agents in Training, and on a mission trip to Haiti. She is currently interning with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and said she has started applying to be back in D.C. to intern next summer.

"My internships have provided me with great contacts, and I believe it is very important to always keep looking forward," Pierce said. "When I graduate in 2018, I want to make sure I have set myself up to be as qualified as possible when applying into the competitive workforce for a federal agency."



NIGHT IN NATION'S CAPITAL: Kennedy Pierce, left, and her roommate, Ericka Castillo, a UT student majoring in nursing who is in the ROTC Program, attended the Washington Center's Gala Sept. 26.

'Shark Tank' investor, FUBU founder to speak at University Oct. 18

By Christine Long

The man affectionately known as "The People's Shark" who launched a \$6 billion global company from his mother's basement will visit The University of Toledo to talk about entrepreneurship and the road to success.



John

Daymond John, an investor on ABC's Emmy award-winning reality television series "Shark Tank" and founder and CEO of the clothing line FUBU, will speak Tuesday

Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Lois and Norman Nitschke Auditorium as part of the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series. Doors open at 6 p.m.

"Daymond John is a highly successful entrepreneur, but also a remarkable person who constantly challenges himself to learn more and do more, much like our honors students," Dr. Heidi Appel, dean of the Honors College, said. "Toledo's vibrant community of thinkers and doers will find

his story of humble beginnings, smarts and grit both familiar and inspiring. We're excited to have Daymond John as our first speaker in the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series."

Tickets for the free, public event are first-come, first-served. To reserve tickets, go to utoledo.edu/honorslecture.

UT buses will shuttle students to and from the Student Union and the Transportation Center to the Lois and Norman Nitschke Auditorium approximately every 10 minutes beginning at 6 p.m.

In addition to his success at "Shark Tank" and FUBU, John is CEO of the Shark Group, a marketing consulting agency. He also is a presidential ambassador for Global Entrepreneurship and the author of three best-selling books, *Display of Power*, *The Brand Within* and *The Power of Broke*.

The next lecture in the series will be Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in Doermann Theater and feature Alex Sheen. Sheen is founder of "because I said I would," a social movement and nonprofit organization dedicated to bettering humanity through promises made and kept. Sheen once walked 245 miles across Ohio in 10 days to fulfill a promise.

In memoriam

Daryl Blanchard, Toledo, professor emeritus of engineering technology, died Sept. 30 at age 82. He joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1969. He became a full professor in 1978 and coordinated the Architectural Technology Program at the former Community and Technical College. He taught in the Engineering Technology Department until 2014.

Dr. Ray A. Brinker, Marshfield, Wis., and Alexandria, Va., died Oct. 1 at age 84. He joined the MCO faculty in 1984 and was professor of radiology with a joint appointment in surgery when he retired in 2006. For a time, Brinker also served as chair of radiology.

William "Bill" Candelore, Clermont, Fla., a former instructor in the ROTC Program, died Sept. 24 at age 88.

Marlene J. Corey, Toledo, who worked at MCO from 1992 until her retirement as director of worker's compensation in 1998, died Oct. 1 at age 80.

Department of Justice grant to support campus sexual assault and victimization prevention programs

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo has received a competitive grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to enhance efforts to prevent and address sexual assault victimization on college campuses.

The UT Center for Student Advocacy and Wellness will use the \$299,202 grant to create a coordinated community response team to develop prevention, education, and intervention policies and practices for sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

“Addressing victimization on college campuses is a national discussion right now, and we want to be at the forefront of successfully addressing these issues and serve as an example to other universities on how to do it right by investing in education, prevention and intervention programming that are unique to a campus community,” said Dr. Kasey Tucker-Gail, associate professor of criminal justice and director of the Center for Student Advocacy and Wellness.

The response team would include the UT Police Department, the Toledo Police Department, YWCA Hope Center, and other University and expanded community partners working together to strengthen existing education and prevention

programming and also the delivery of comprehensive strategies that help survivors heal.

“This is an aggressive community education initiative to encourage a culture that is comfortable talking about and identifying sexual and domestic violence so that we can better prevent and address these crimes that occur far too often on college campuses,” said Dr. Megan Stewart, assistant professor of criminal justice and the program coordinator for the project.

The grant will support training on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking for members of the University community; the creation and implementation of a campus-wide bystander intervention program; and an awareness campaign with various activities and events throughout the school year to engage students.

The Justice Department’s Office on Violence Against Women awarded grants totaling \$25 million to address this important issue. Only 45 institutions of higher education in the country received funding for these initiatives. This announcement was made at the conclusion of September as National Campus Safety Awareness Month.



Dr. Kasey Tucker-Gail, left, and Dr. Megan Stewart of the UT Center for Student Advocacy and Wellness received a U.S. Department of Justice \$299,202 grant to prevent and address sexual assault victimization on college campuses.

“Schools that individualize their response to sexual, dating and domestic violence are better able to meet the unique needs of their student populations, especially underserved groups,” U.S. Office Violence Against Women Principal Deputy

Director Bea Hanson said. “Coordinated, comprehensive responses allow college communities to develop sustainable strategies to address these crimes.”

UTMC to host community heart failure awareness symposium Oct. 11

By Rebecca Schwan

When the heart is no longer able to support the circulation of blood properly, both a patient’s quality of life and life expectancy diminishes. Heart failure patients can experience shortness of breath and fatigue, which can make everyday activities difficult.

The University of Toledo Medical Center will hold a free symposium to discuss the symptoms of heart failure, share the latest treatment options available, and identify community resources available for patients.

“Navigating Heart Failure” will take place Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Collier Building Room 1000A on The University of Toledo Health Science Campus.

“We wanted to reach out to our community to help heart failure patients better understand their condition and the resources available to them,” said Connie Mueller, lead LVAD (left ventricular assist

device) coordinator for UTMC and event co-organizer.

According to the American Heart Association, nearly six million Americans are living with heart failure, with more than half of them between the ages of 35 and 74. One in five people will develop the disease in their lifetime.

“People shouldn’t think of heart failure as a disease of the elderly. Young people also need to be aware of the symptoms of heart failure,” said Dr. George Moukarbel, medical director of the heart failure and LVAD programs at UTMC. “Potential warning signs are shortness of breath, increased heart rate, unusual fatigue and swelling in the extremities. The symptoms can be mild at first, and often younger patients ignore or dismiss these early symptoms.”

A number of conditions can lead to the development of heart failure, including diabetes, obesity, sleep apnea and high blood pressure. Moukarbel said it is important for

patients to discuss their risk of developing heart failure with their physician.

“Heart failure is a life-threatening condition with no cure, but there are treatment options available to manage symptoms and prevent further heart damage,” he said. “Medications and simple lifestyle changes can help slow the progression of the disease.”

Patients with advanced or end-stage heart failure have several treatment options, including a surgically implanted pump called a left ventricular assist device, or LVAD. It is attached to the heart to help it pump more blood with less work.

“We have met with patients who were told their only remaining option was hospice care, but were able to receive an LVAD implant and are doing well today,” said Margaret Commet, operations supervisor of UTMC’s cardiovascular unit and event co-organizer. “It is important that heart failure patients understand that advanced treatments

can give them more time and improve their quality of life.”

With his heart functioning at only 10 percent, Byron Clark was given only six months to live in early 2015.

“I decided to get the LVAD implant at that time because I didn’t think six months was long enough to wait on the transplant list,” said Clark, who had the LVAD implanted at UTMC. “It did take some adjustments to learn to live with the implant, but it gave me time until a donor was found 16 months later.”

“For patients like Byron, the LVAD is a bridge to transplantation,” said Dr. Mark Bonnell, UTMC cardiothoracic surgeon and director of the LVAD program. “Others who are not eligible for a transplant can still see a substantial improvement in quality of life from LVAD as a permanent solution. The LVAD has added not only years but quality to their lives, which is indeed the central purpose of this technology.”

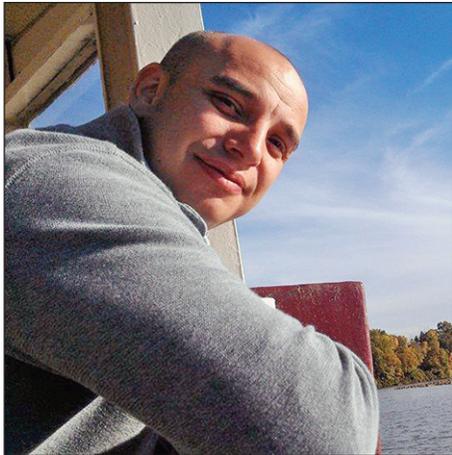
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Book on global brewing industry dedicated to late UT grad student

By Christine Long

Michael Moore enjoyed sharing a pint of cold beer, but had no thirst for the standard domestic titans.

The University of Toledo PhD student researcher was a craft beer aficionado who found a way to combine his passion with his academic work.



Moore

“He loved geography and craft beer,” Andy Moore, Mike’s brother, said.

Moore’s research on the rapidly growing artisanal industry recently was published more than a year after he died at the age of 34 from an aortic aneurysm while at a local brewpub.

“The large vessel that comes out of the heart ruptured unexpectedly,” Andy said. “Doctors told our family it’s very rare for someone that young. The fact that it happened where it did is so unusual because we loved to hang out there and watch a Tigers game.”

“Mike enjoyed debating varieties of hops and India pale ales as much and as easily as he dove into complex statistical analyses of the industry,” said Dr. Neil Reid, professor of geography and planning and director of the Jack Ford Urban Affairs Center, who is known as UT’s “Beer Professor.” “It’s devastating and sad, yet if he had to choose how to go, that’s what he would’ve chosen.”

The editors of a new volume published on the craft brewing industry called *Brewing, Beer and Pubs: A Global Perspective* dedicated their book to Moore, who co-authored a chapter with Reid and Ralph McLaughlin, a colleague from California. The chapter is titled “The Locational Determinants of Micro-Breweries and Brewpubs in the United States.”

The editors wrote in the dedication at the beginning of the book, “It is very fitting that Mike passed away in a local brewery.”

Moore collapsed and fell to the floor April 8, 2015, as he was sitting on a bar stool enjoying a beer.

“I was sitting next to him when it happened. We were drinking Summer Stinger, an American pale wheat ale that was just



Dr. Neil Reid and Andy Moore, Mike Moore’s brother, got together recently at the Black Cloister Brewing Co. in Toledo.



The Black Cloister Brewing Co. last year created a beer in Mike Moore’s honor: Michael’s Memory.

bottled the day before,” Reid said. “We were talking with a visiting scholar from Turkey about our upcoming trip to a geographers’ conference and attending the Beeronomics

Conference in Seattle in the fall when I heard a thud. I thought a bar stool had fallen over. I looked down and Mike was on his back on the floor.”

“It’s still hard for our family and Mike’s longtime girlfriend, Jeanette, to process, but seeing Mike’s work being published and honored helps us find closure,” Andy said.

Moore was a doctoral student studying spatially integrated social sciences in UT’s Department of Geography and Planning.

His dissertation — left incomplete — was an examination of the spatial dynamics of the American craft beer industry.

“The craft brewing industry is growing so fast and changing the whole brewing landscape,” Reid said. “Mike analyzed where it’s growing and why. He was well on his way to being a really successful academic.”

UT posthumously awarded Moore a PhD based on his completed course work and publications while a student.

The Department of Geography and Planning created a scholarship in his memory for UT students pursuing the geography and planning field.

“I miss our Monday morning meetings and the occasional exchanging of beer-related gifts,” Reid said. “I cherish the memories — memories, by and large, created around a common love and appreciation of craft beer, the people who brew it, and the people who drink it.”

Black Cloister Brewery in downtown Toledo created a special brew last year to commemorate Moore’s life and called it Michael’s Memory. The owners contributed some of the profits to the scholarship fund.

“The outpouring of support is amazing and unexpected,” Andy said. “It’s excellent to see the fruit of all the research he had done. The recognition of Mike’s work makes it just a little bit easier to deal with his loss.”

Moore’s family is working to organize a golf outing next year to raise money for the scholarship fund.

Gifts can be made at give2ut.utoledo.edu to the Geography and Planning Progress Fund.

A century of preparing educators: Judith Herb College of Education celebrates 100 years

By Dr. Edward A. Janak

Throughout its history, The University of Toledo has seen its mission as fulfilling the needs of the city. The Judith Herb College of Education has demonstrated this notion for a century.

UT started as a municipal university — The University of the City of Toledo — one of three such institutions in the state. From its earliest years, UT partnered with the University of Ohio in Miami (later called Miami University) to provide a degree and teacher training: Students would attend UT for three years taking classes from faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences followed by one year at Miami. This was in addition to its Bureau of Research and Public Service that housed a Department of Educational Efficiency Service. Its mission was to serve Toledo's educational organizations as well as the officers and teachers of the schools in the city.

In 1914, the state of Ohio enacted a new law regulating which universities could produce accredited teachers; only those universities on the state "approved" list could do so. Acting quickly, the University president

1926, David Henry became dean and would hold the position for more than 20 years. During his tenure, the college would stabilize its program but continue to grow in numbers of students and faculty.

Starting in 1927, the college began offering graduate programs in elementary and secondary education. Its undergraduate curriculum had expanded from a dozen courses to more than 30 offerings, balanced between foundational and pedagogical courses. In the mid-1930s, there was talk of an imminent teacher shortage; the College of Education increased its work to try and satisfy this need. By decade's end, the college sponsored a Demonstration School to put into practice what it taught.

There was a shift in the purpose of schooling nationwide, moving from purely academics to teaching the whole child and schooling for life. As usual, the College of Education kept up with the trends; by the 1940s, there was a rise in vocational education and preparing teachers for the trades of northwest Ohio, physical education, as well as explicitly progressive teaching courses. The



CRUISING: Members of the Toledo Student Education Association rode in the 1965 Homecoming parade.

addressed the Board of Directors reporting that local school districts were requesting UT take steps to become approved. Thus, in March 1916, the Board of Directors created the Teachers College of Toledo University. It started with a faculty of four: Josephine Leach, D.W. Henry, A.W. Trettien (who would become the first dean and serve until 1926) and A.M. Stowe.

Once it was fully established, the college moved ahead rapidly, expanding programs and hiring faculty to satisfy the demand for teachers. In 1917, it added a University Evening High School to provide instruction to adults in the community seeking a high school diploma. In 1919, it changed title from Teacher's College to College of Education. In

college also began offering courses in school administration.

Of course, the decade also saw the horrors of World War II; UT was on the forefront of wartime service offered through its students in all areas. The College of Education joined in by teaching "school the year round" to allow students to matriculate in three years and then enlist with a degree.

As the purpose of schooling expanded and the baby boom created a tremendous need for teachers, by the 1950s, in addition to elementary and high school teachers, the college was producing teachers in vocational education, physical education, business education, home economics and art. The college was experimenting with a series of



SPECIAL GUEST: Judith Herb talked with students at the Judith Herb College of Education's 2006 fall welcome picnic.

courses titled Problems in... and Research in...; teachers in the city would partner with a faculty member to work on active research problems impacting daily practice in the classrooms.

During that decade, Mary M. Gillham became the head librarian for the University, a position she would hold with pride for years. In fact, Gillham Hall — current home to the Judith Herb College of Education — is named in her honor as the building used to be the library.

As the turmoil of the second half of the 20th century hit the state, the college continued steadfastly producing quality teachers and school administrators throughout the decades. It kept up with the national trends and produced teachers aware of the latest in research and pedagogy.

After operating as a municipal school for more than 80 years, the University became a state institution in 1967. That big change meant a new name — The University of Toledo — and subsidy for students and state support for capital improvement. Enrollment steadily grew and buildings popped up expanding the campus.

In 2006, a couple months after the University merged with the Medical University of Ohio, UT graduates Judith and Marvin Herb, and their sons, Thomas and Jon, contributed \$15 million to fund numerous scholarships as well as educational assessment support and research initiatives in the College of Education. The Herbs designated \$8 million of the gift for the Herb Scholars Fund, with another \$4.25 million going to support the

Herb Research Initiatives Fund, which bonded together researchers with a common interest in learning. The remaining \$2.75 million funded the creation of a faculty development and electronic assessment support system fund. Additionally, to recognize the single largest donation in school history, the college was renamed in honor of Judith Herb.

"The University of Toledo's mission, especially that of the College of Education, was at the heart of our decision to make this pledge," Judith Herb, a 1961 UT education graduate, said in 2006. "Marvin, our sons and I believe deeply in the power of education. If we can help to make a difference in the lives of some future educators, we are proud to do so."

Following two years of major renovations, Gillham Hall, a building that has been a cornerstone of Main Campus since 1952, was rededicated in 2007. The state of Ohio provided \$12.4 million in funding for the project. The building's exterior remained primarily untouched while the interior was completely revamped. Gillham Hall opened fall semester that year with state-of-the-art classrooms that range in capacity from 18 to 40 students; a 75-seat tiered multipurpose auditorium/classroom/meeting room; three technology support center computer labs; a doctoral dissertation presentation/defense conference room; department suites that include student learning community space; and a brick entryway that offers the opportunity to inscribe dedications.

At this moment, the college is anticipating how it can satisfy the needs

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12

- UT Founding Date Celebration and Pep Rally, noon to 2 p.m., Centennial Mall. Celebrate Rocky's 50th birthday and UT's founding date with obstacle courses, corn hole, can jam and more. Sing the traditional birthday song to Rocky, have a slice of cake, and bring presents that he will donate to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The food trucks will be back on campus, and the football team and marching band will be there to psych up for the Battle of I-75!

THURSDAY, OCT. 13

- National Pan-Hellenic Council Talent show, 7 to 9 p.m., Doermann Theater. Come see UT students compete for the title of UT's most talented.
- Cupcake/Cookie Decorating and Trivia Night, 7 to 9 p.m., Student Union Room Auditorium. Compete in UT's own version of Cupcake Wars: Show off your creativity by decorating cupcakes and cookies for Rocky's birthday. Judges will

select a winner based on uniqueness, presentation, imagination and neatness. How much do you know about UT's history? Join students, faculty, alumni and community members to see who knows the most about the University.

FRIDAY, OCT. 14

- Homecoming Alumni Gala and Awards Ceremony, 6 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. The UT Alumni Association will present this year's Gold T, Blue T and Edward H. Schmidt Young Alum Award, and college and affiliate award winners will be honored. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$10 for children. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the UT Alumni Office at 419.530.ALUM (2586) or shirley.grzecki@utoledo.edu. See story on p. 10.

SATURDAY, OCT. 15

- Judith Herb College of Education Parade Reception, 9 a.m., tent on north side of Gillham Hall. In

celebration of the college's 100th anniversary, join education alumni to march in the Homecoming Parade.

- The Edward C. and Helen G. Schmakel Homecoming Parade, 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by Blue Key, the parade will begin at West Bancroft Street and go to Middlesex Drive to Hughes Drive to Cheltenham Road and back on West Bancroft Street. The grand marshal for this year's parade will be Rocky.
- Homecoming Football Pregame Party, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., William and Carol Koester Alumni Pavilion. Stop by for free hot dogs, chips and pop; live music from Five O'Clock Rush; a cash bar; and appearances by the UT Marching Band, cheerleaders and Rockettes!
- Toledo Rockets vs. Bowling Green Falcons Homecoming Game, 3:30 p.m., Glass Bowl. Cheer on the Rockets and see the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen. Tickets range from \$30 to \$65; \$17.50 and \$15 for children 12 and younger; half

off for UT faculty and staff; and free for UT students with IDs. For tickets, call 419.530.GOLD (4653).

SUNDAY, OCT. 16

- Rocket Race, 11 a.m., UT Main Campus. Register for a 5K run/walk from Carter Field around Main Campus. \$20 for students, \$30 for community members. Proceeds will benefit the UT Rec Council. Registration will start at 10 a.m. or go to <https://webforms.utoledo.edu/form/50271458871>.
- The Golden Alumni Society Homecoming Luncheon, Inverness Club, 4601 Dorr St., Cost: \$25. UT Men's Basketball Coach Tod Kowalczyk will speak. For more information, call the UT Alumni Office at 419.530.ALUM (2586).

For more information, go to utoledo.edu/homecoming/events.html or call the UT Alumni Office at 419.530.ALUM (2586) or the UT Office of Student Involvement at 419.530.4944.

A century of preparing teachers

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of 21st century schools in support of the mission of the comprehensive university. It is finding innovative ways to prepare educators for pre-kindergarten through university classrooms, as well as supporting those already teaching by offering programs that include:

- Traditional undergraduate programs credentialing teachers in early childhood, elementary, middle childhood, career and technical education, adolescence to young adult education, special education interventionist, as well as the areas of art, foreign language and music;
- Nontraditional certification via LAMP — Licensure and Master's Program;
- College Credit Plus teacher credentialing programs in biology, chemistry and English;
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- Online programs include master's degrees in educational technology

as well as early childhood education, special education, and certificates in virtual educator, peace education, diversity, and educational assessment;

- On-campus certificates in culture and change in institutions and interprofessional teaming in early childhood education;
- Principal and school district leader licensure programs;
- A full slate of master's, educational specialist and doctoral degrees in all areas, including higher education, to prepare those working in colleges and universities; and
- Innovative centers such as the Center for the Advancement of Professional Learning Communities and Virtual Collaboration, the Center for Education in Targeted Violence and Suicide, the Daso Herb Center for Advanced Research in Education, and the Center for Nonviolence and Democratic Action.

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A UT alumna, Keil has been doing just that since she joined the faculty in 1989. And she wants to continue paying it forward as the college celebrates its 100th anniversary with a fundraising campaign.

"The College of Education's \$100 for our 100th campaign is focused on raising significant dollars for student scholarships," she said. "Our deep commitment to provide scholarship opportunities is our way to support our students as they prepare for their futures as educators."

Those interested in making a donation can go to <https://give2ut.utoledo.edu/JHCOE100.asp>.

"As the Judith Herb College of Education embarks on its second century, it's time to once again look ahead," Keil said. "The vision of the college is to shape the future of education in an ever-changing world. We invite education alumni and students to participate in the events planned for our 100th anniversary."

Listed by date, events include:

Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 12 and 13

- Homecoming/Anniversary Ice Cream Social, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gillham Hall Lobby on the third floor. Stop by for a sweet treat and a free Judith Herb

College of Education anniversary T-shirt.

Saturday, Oct. 15

- Judith Herb College of Education Parade Reception, 9 a.m., tent on north side of Gillham Hall. In celebration of the college's 100th anniversary, join education alumni to march in the Homecoming Parade by a special float created for the occasion by UT faculty and staff.
- College of Education Open House, noon, Gillham Hall Lobby on the third floor. Check out the college, meet faculty and staff, learn about programs and tour Gillham Hall.

In November, a forum on "Diversity in Classrooms: Pre-K Through University" will be held. This discussion of race, discipline, the graduation of African-American students, and the diversity of the teaching profession is sponsored by the Judith Herb College of Education and the Office of Diversity.

A film screening and lecture also are planned for spring semester.

For more information, call 419.530.2491 or email richard.welsch@utoledo.edu.

Ohio Senate honors student-athletes for academic achievement

By Paul Helgren

The Ohio Senate recently presented a proclamation honoring The University of Toledo Athletic Department for earning the 2015-16 Mid-American Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award.

The award is presented annually to the conference school that achieves the highest overall institutional GPA for student-athletes competing in institutionally sponsored sports for the academic year.

The proclamation was signed by Sen. Keith Faber, president of the Ohio Senate, and Sen. Edna Brown of the 11th Senatorial District.

It reads, in part, "On behalf of the members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, we are pleased to pay tribute to The University of Toledo on being presented with the 2015-16 Mid-American Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award... This accomplishment is a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection not only on the University itself, but also on its faculty, staff and students and on the greater Toledo community."

For the past academic year, UT's 377 student-athletes posted a school-record grade point average of 3.235. It is the second year in a row and the fourth time in the last five years that the Rockets have won the award.



WingStop to host Battle of I-75 wing-eating contest

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University will square off in a Battle of I-75 wing-eating contest at WingStop, 3330 W. Central Ave. in Toledo, Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 5:30 p.m.

UT will be represented by Blue Crew alumni; eating for BGSU will be the Falcon Fanatics. The contest will be one-on-one with the fastest to eat eight wings in each match declared the winner. Times for each battle will be added up, and the team with the lowest overall time will win the grand prize of 200 free wings.

Anyone who attends WingStop between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. can receive five free wings with any purchase.

The Rockets and Falcons will meet in the real Battle of I-75 at the Glass bowl Saturday, Oct. 15. Kickoff for UT's Homecoming game is at 3:30 p.m.



Tickets are available at the UT Athletic Ticket Office, utrockets.com or by phone at 419-530-GOLD (4653).

Tickets for UT employees and retirees are half-off!

UT students admitted **FREE** to home games with ID!

Revved up: Assistant dean pays tribute to alma mater with Rocket Room

By Vicki L. Kroll

One look at Donovan Nichols' Rocket Room and it's clear: He's got spirit; yes, he does.

The assistant dean for student involvement and leadership exudes enthusiasm explaining how he put together the ultimate UT fan zone.

"The whole idea has been 14 years in the making," he said looking around his basement walls emblazoned with UT jerseys, ticket stubs, posters, stories and more. "But actually putting this together took about five months."

He pointed to a wooden sign featuring old Rocket and UT logos that bookend the stenciled name "Rocket Room."

"That sign is actually what started the whole idea. When I was a student, I was walking around with Tom Trimble [then associate director of the Student Union] in Rocky's Attic, and this sign was sitting in a corner," Nichols recalled. "Tom said it was a sign that was hanging in Rocky's Attic in the 1980s, and he said, 'We're probably going to throw it out.' And I said, 'No, you're not.'"

April during the Glass Bowl renovations. Prepping it for installation took most of the summer.

"The turf fibers are about an inch long with about a half inch of infill — sand granules and rubber pellets to make it feel more like real grass — so I had to get all of that infill out," he said.

After power-washing and scrubbing the turf, Nichols cut and put pieces together to resemble a field with help from his girlfriend, Alycia Demey; friend and UT alumnus, Rob Bleile; and father, Tom Nichols.

The bar features a piece of the blue rocket from the center of the field. "I was lucky enough to get that piece, so I wanted to showcase it," Nichols said.

Collecting UT memorabilia started during his undergraduate days when he helped establish a tradition. The year was 2000, and Nichols and his friend, Jason Rodriguez, created Blue Crew.

"Blue Crew's first game ever was traveling to Penn State. There were four of us that went. About 92,000 people were in



Photos by Rachel Nearhoof

SIGN UP: Donovan Nichols stood beneath the sign that inspired his Rocket Room. As a student in 2002, he picked up the discarded sign that had been in Rocky's Attic during the 1980s.

Rodriguez to start the masked spirited squad.

"We wanted to create something that emulated the Rocket Fanatic group, but do something that would continue the spirit even after we graduated," Nichols explained. "So we decided to wear the masks and wigs so we would cloak our identities because it wasn't about us being the spirited students, it was about having the positive energy and the positive spirit always represented at the University."

He still radiates that energy and

excitement for the Rockets and his alma mater. Standing by his Blue Crew uniform, he said, "My mask is signed by Chester Taylor, who was one of the great UT football players. I have a poster of him and a jersey. He was a running back for the Minnesota Vikings and a couple other NFL teams. I try to pay tribute to some of the players who were around when I was a student because I knew some of them. In the stairwell, there's a

poster of [quarterback] Bruce Gradkowski and [wide receiver] Lance Moore, both who were students when I was around, and I have pictures of them in the NFL as well to display their success."

Then there's a white football shirt with a midnight blue No. 16, which was worn by the quarterback known as the "Wizard of Oohs and Aahs."

"I wanted to highlight Chuck Ealey because it's incredible the accomplishment that he had; he's the only collegiate quarterback in history to go undefeated. From 1969 to 1971, the Rockets went 35-0," Nichols said. "And he was undefeated in high school, too."

That sense of history is everywhere in the Rocket Room — the sheet music for "Fair Toledo," the alma mater, is framed, along with "U of Toledo," the fight song. Also under glass is the UT Traditions brochure Nichols created after more than 500 hours of research on the school's history.

"I wanted to walk down memory lane and teach some UT history, and display why people should be proud of The University of Toledo," he said. "Hopefully, the Rocket Room will inspire more people to show their pride in the institution."

After graduating with honors with a bachelor of arts degree in communications in 2004 and a master of education degree in higher education in 2006, Nichols stopped to say goodbye to Dr. Kaye M. Patten, senior vice president of student affairs.



SPIRIT SHOWCASE: The bar in Donovan Nichols' Rocket Room features turf from the blue rocket that was in the center of the field in the Glass Bowl. Bobbleheads of Football Coach Jason Candle and Rocky sit atop the bar.

It was 2002 when Nichols rescued the relic and stored it at his parents' house until now.

"Back then, I said, 'When I have my own house, I'm going to create a Rocket Room. I'm going to carpet it with field turf and put that sign in it.'"

With a head's up and permission from Athletics, Nichols snagged pieces of turf in

the stadium, and only about 2,000 of which were Toledo fans, but we were louder the entire game,"

Nichols said pointing to a story about UT's upset of the Nittany Lions, 24-6. "That was a really cool experience for me because that was the founding of Blue Crew."

It was the Rocket Fanatic group from the 1990s that inspired Nichols and



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Alumni to be honored at annual Homecoming Gala Oct. 14

Graduates from each of The University of Toledo's degree-awarding colleges will be recognized Friday, Oct. 14, at the UT Alumni Association's Homecoming Gala.

The event, which annually draws sellout crowds to the Student Union Auditorium, will begin at 6 p.m.

The program features the recipients of the Alumni Association's highest honors: the Gold T, the Blue T and the Edward H. Schmidt Outstanding Young Alum.



Williamson

Dr. Celia Williamson, UT professor of social work and director of the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute, is the 2016 recipient of the Gold T, which is

presented to a graduate in recognition of outstanding career accomplishment.

Williamson earned an associate's degree from the UT Community and Technical College in 1983 and a bachelor of arts degree in social work in 1988. In 1993, she founded Second Chance, which provides services to women and youth involved in sex trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation. The Second Chance Program has won the prestigious FBI Director's Community Leadership Award for its service to women and assistance in securing justice. Chair of the Ohio Attorney General's Anti-Trafficking Commission, Williamson and her colleagues developed the first international academic journal on human trafficking. She founded and serves as president of the National Research Consortium on Commercial Sexual Exploitation. She also developed one of the first conferences on human trafficking in the nation.

Ted Hahn, a partner in the Trust Co. of Toledo, is the 2016 recipient of the Blue T, which is presented to an Alumni Association member who has made outstanding contributions to the progress and development of the association and the University.

Hahn received his bachelor's degree from the College of Business and Innovation in 1965 and his MBA from that college in 1967. President of the Alumni Association during the 2004-05 school year,



Hahn

he also has served on the UT Foundation Board of Trustees. Hahn and his wife, Suzi, a 1970 graduate of the Judith Herb College of Education, have endowed a scholarship at the University and have been generous donors to academics, athletics and Alumni Association projects.

Rob Bleile is the 2016 recipient of the Schmidt Award, which is presented to a graduate who is 35 years of age or younger in recognition of outstanding achievement in his or her field of endeavor.

Bleile is president of American Timber and Steel in Norwalk, Ohio, and co-founder of Research Metrics, an international mobile mystery shopping and auditing firm.



Bleile

He has been very active with the Alumni Association. Currently second vice president of the association, he will become president of the organization during the 2018-19 school year. A member of the President's Club, Bleile is married to Ala, a 2004 College of Business graduate with degrees in international business and accounting.

A limited number of seats remain for the Homecoming Gala. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Call the Office of Alumni Relations at 419.530.2585 (ALUM) for more information or to make reservations.

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"She went over and took this [2005 GMAC Bowl Championship poster] off her office wall and gave it to me and said she appreciated everything I had done for the University. I was moving to Las Vegas, so it was a piece I took with me. And when I worked in Georgia, it was with me there, and now it's back with me at home."

"Donovan was one of the most passionate UT students. He started Blue Crew, created the Rocky doll, was Student Government president," Patten said. "It's so nice to have him back where he belongs to inspire that same love for the University in our students."

"I always thought it would be fun to come back to UT to work, but I didn't necessarily have a plan to come back. I knew I could show my Rocket pride wherever I went. When I worked in Las Vegas, I created an alumni chapter out there," he said. "But it feels comfortable in Toledo; I'm home."

"I think if I had a Rocket Room like this in any other city, it wouldn't be as cool," he added and laughed. "At least here, a lot of people can come over and see it and appreciate it. Go Rockets!"



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

WELL-SUITED: Donovan Nichols' Blue Crew uniform is among the memorabilia featured in the Rocket Room. He and friend Jason Rodriguez started the masked spirited squad when they were undergraduates in 2000.

Department of Theatre and Film to present Molière's comedy 'The Imaginary Invalid'

By Angela Riddell

The UT Department of Theatre and Film will present Molière's final play, "The Imaginary Invalid," Friday through Sunday, Oct. 14-16 and Oct. 21-23, in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre.

Performance times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

"The Imaginary Invalid" is the story of a hopeless hypochondriac who attempts to endow himself with a lifetime of free medical care by marrying his daughter off to a doctor she doesn't love. But his house servant has the real cure for what ails him.

The UT production will be directed by Holly Monsos, an associate dean in the College of Arts and Letters, and a professor in the Department of Theatre and Film.

The production will incorporate a mix of period and contemporary style. For example, the costuming will be contemporary, but also will include period references. She is using the online Project Gutenberg translation by Charles Heron Wall, but the play will maintain its historical — and hysterical — period medical information. In Molière's day, techniques such as bloodletting, enemas, and other forms of bodily purging were common, and theories such as a circulatory system within the body were, in the words

of one character, nothing but "pretended discoveries."

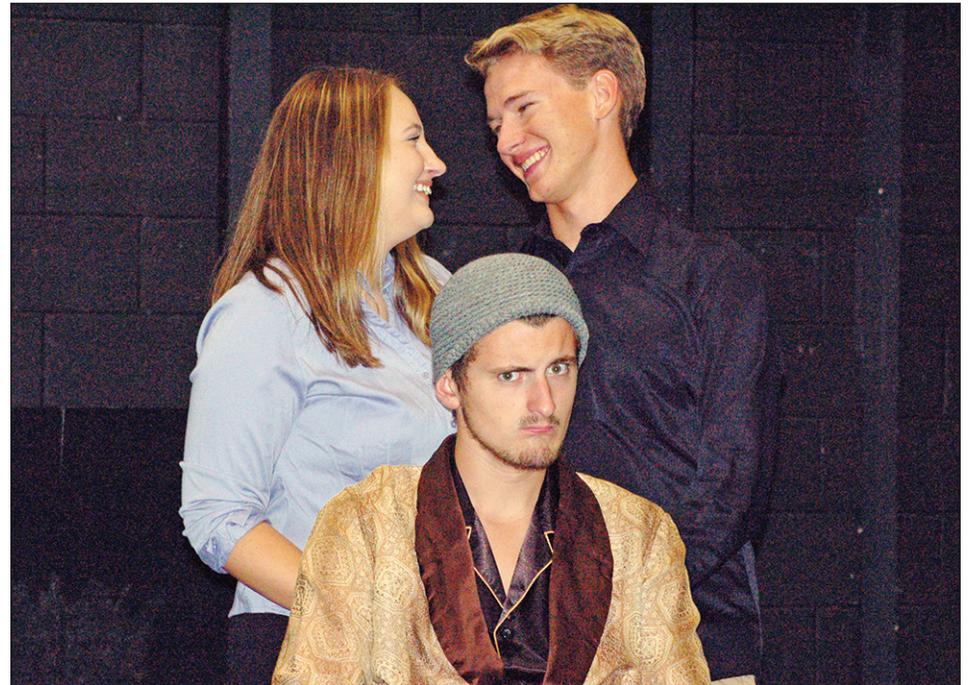
This classic larger-than-life comedy was Molière's last play, as well as the last performance in which he played the "invalid" himself.

"Theatre folklore has it that Molière's lines become a self-fulfilling prophecy when he collapsed onstage and later died," Monsos said.

In the script, his character chides the writer of the play — Molière — and wishes that in Molière's final hours, no skilled doctors would attend him and he would die as a result, she said. Almost on cue, he is thought to have done just that.

The cast features UT students Kaitlyn Beacom as De Bonnefoi/Quartius Doctor; Danielle Hale as Beralde/Chorus; Keeyong Hong as Fleurant/Praeses; Rachel Hybarger as Diafoirus/Primus Doctor; Shaquira Jackson as Toinette/Chorus; Wonhee Kim as Beline/Chorus; Nik Lee as Thomas/Chorus; Tessa Lee as Angélique/Chorus; Carter Makiewicz as Argan/Bachelierus; Michael Miller as Cleanté/Chorus; Justin Petty as Purgon/Tertius Doctor; and Amber Zuccarell as Louison/Secundus Doctor.

Tickets are \$8 for students and children; \$10 for UT faculty, staff and alumni, and military members and seniors;



FORBIDDEN LOVE: Angélique (Tessa Lee, who is majoring in theatre and nursing) and her love interest, Cléante (Michael Miller, who is majoring in bioengineering), share a stolen moment under the disapproving watch of her father, Argan (Carter Makiewicz, who is majoring in theatre), in this scene from the UT production of Molière's "The Imaginary Invalid."

and \$15 for the general public. Call 419.530.ARTS (2787) or order online at <http://utoledo.tix.com>. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Full season passes, which include all plays and film events for the 2016-17 Theatre and Film Department Season, are

available through Sunday, Oct. 23. A full season pass is \$120 for general admission; \$70 for UT employees and alumni, military members, and seniors 60 and older; and \$65 for students. For more information, call 419.530.ARTS (2787) or go to utoledo.tix.com.



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Event to raise funds to help small businesses

By Anna Brogan-Knight

On Thursday, Oct. 13, join The University of Toledo Minority Business Development Center for “An Evening of Chance.”

The fundraiser, to be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Parkway Plaza in Maumee, benefits the UT Minority Business Development Center. The center supports UT students and the local community, along with 24 businesses owned and operated by minorities. It also helps provide training, mentoring, office space and strategic development.

“Our students benefit from the center by receiving a great hands-on experience that prepares them for the real world,” said Dr. Shanda Gore, associate vice president of the Minority Business Development Center and the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women. “We achieve 100 percent placement of all students who have interned or had assistantships with us and our businesses.”

The evening will feature a photo booth, a Monte Carlo theme and magician. Guests can bid on items in the silent auction and partake of food and drink.

The event will conclude with an award ceremony for local minority business owners and highlight the various sponsors, including the Toledo Chamber of Commerce.

“This event not only allows us to support our businesses and students, but it’s also an opportunity for the community to learn about how we play a part in the greater economic development of the region,” Gore said. “We’re not just supporting small, minority-owned businesses — we’re causing a larger ripple effect that impacts generations.”

To purchase tickets, which are \$50, visit utoledo.edu/incubator/mbdc. Sponsors also may register through this website.

Ticket sales end Wednesday, Oct. 12. Each ticket will provide some gaming money, and additional purchases will be available.

For more information, call 419.530.3170, email mbdc@utoledo.edu, follow at twitter.com/UTMBDC, or like the center at facebook.com/UTMBDC.


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More than 18,000 patients worldwide and 39 patients at UTMC have received implantation of the LVAD device.

“I definitely recommend having the LVAD implant and the doctors at UTMC,” Clark said. “It gave me extra time, and I feel great today. My new heart is functioning well, and I look forward to working in the yard and traveling.”

Clark and his wife have established the Having a Heart for a Heart Foundation to educate and guide families through the LVAD to transplant process and provide financial support for patients.

“We were blessed to have good insurance, but we know others who have lost everything trying to manage the financial burden of these

surgeries,” said Debbie Clark, foundation president. “We wanted to do something to give back and help others who need to travel this journey.”

Moukarbel and Bonnell will speak at the “Navigating Heart Failure” event, along with patients who will share their experiences in living with heart failure. Vendors and educational booths will be available, including information about cardiac rehab, smoking cessation, respiratory therapy and proper nutrition.

Preregistration is required; call 419.383.5150. Nurses can earn one continuing education credit for attending.

UT employee hits the track for roller derby

By Amanda Benjamin

“Roller derby provides women of all ages and body types with a strong, supportive community of other women who are dedicated to promoting female athleticism,” said Ulonda Sweeney, data systems coordinator in The University of Toledo’s College of Medicine and Life Sciences, and member of the Glass City All-Stars and Glass City Royal Panes.

The sport of roller derby has gained momentum in recent years and has been associated with female empowerment.

“Roller derby is an excellent confidence builder as it reinforces the fact that women are athletic, strong, aggressive and feminine all at the same time,” said Sweeney, who has worked at UT for almost 20 years.



BLOCKBUSTER: GunSmoke, a.k.a. Ulonda Sweeney, is ready to roll as a jammer for the Glass City Rollers in a bout against Circle City Party Crashers last spring.

Sweeney first attended a roller derby game, called a bout, in February 2014. She was 49 at the time and thought she was too old to play.

Later that year, Sweeney ran into a derby girl named Dirty Die Anna from the Glass City Rollers. “I said I always wanted to do it, but I was too old.”

Dirty Die Anna told her that there was a skater on their team in her 50s and invited Sweeney to an open skate.

Sweeney started fresh meat training for the Glass City Rollers in February 2015. Every new derby girl chooses an alias or derby name to go by on the track. Many skaters blend female names with aggressive qualities and some with pop culture references, such as Smashley Simpson and Rosa Sparks from the movie “Whip It.” Sweeney chose GunSmoke as her derby name.

“I got GunSmoke from my Gamma Phi Delta sorority big sister Melody Glover,” Sweeney said. “She chose that name for me because I’m a true cowgirl. So I thought it would be great to keep it as my roller derby name.”

In a roller derby bout, each team can only have five players on the track at once. One is the jammer, who scores points and is distinguished by a star helmet cover, called a star panty. The other four are blockers, who play both offense and defense.

Blockers try to help their jammer get through the pack, which is made up of blockers from each team, while also trying



TOUGH D: GunSmoke, a.k.a. Ulonda Sweeney, lined up with teammate Wendy Boughbreaks to block a Central Ohio Roller Derby jammer during a bout this summer.

to stop the opposing jammer from getting through. The jammer gets one point for each skater on the other team she passes, after she gets through the pack once.

“I love the fact that as a jammer, you’re the person who gets to score points,” Sweeney said. “And as a blocker, it makes you feel good when you open a hole for your jammer.”

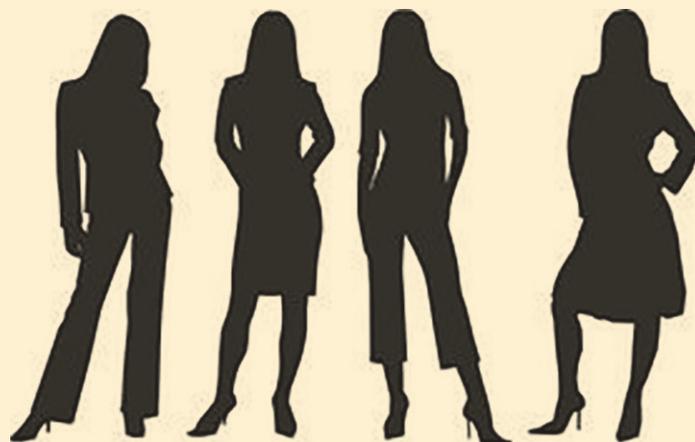
Sweeney plays both jammer and blocker for her team and has been awarded MVP jammer and MVP blocker in past bouts.

“I like the competition of roller derby,” Sweeney said. She added that the sport has helped her to get in better shape and increase her endurance.

“The best thing about roller derby is that young girls can see they don’t have to embrace the stereotypical beliefs about our bodies and ages to be a success,” Sweeney said. “The skills learned from roller derby transfers to a woman’s everyday life. It is empowering, unapologetic and uplifting.”

The Glass City Rollers have an upcoming doubleheader bout Saturday, Oct. 22, starting at 5 p.m. at Skyway Rec Center in Oregon. The Glass City All-Stars will take on Little Steel Lawless Rollers from Youngstown, Ohio, and the Glass City Royal Panes will compete against the Bone City Rollers from Warsaw, Ind.

For more information, visit glasscityrollers.com.



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Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival



Photos by Rachel Nearhoof

Taeyoung Lee, right, tried his hand at Chinese paper cutting during the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival as Xiaofeng Zhao, center, watched and Liang Wei folded paper.



Alison Devolder, secretary 2 in Business Career Programs, right, tried on Han clothing with the help of Jing Shang at the Mid-Autumn Festival.



Jie Li poured some tea during the festival that was presented by the Confucius Institute, which is part of the Center for International Studies and Programs.



Yueji Gao painted a Beijing opera mask during the harvest event, which was held Oct. 5 in the Student Union Ingman Room.

DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION ASSESSMENT



Dear Faculty, Administrators and Staff,

Now that we are well into the fall semester, we hope the academic year is progressing to your satisfaction.

You should already have received information about the start of UT's 2017 Benefits Open Enrollment period, which began on Oct. 1. We want to take this opportunity to remind you that UT will be conducting its dependent eligibility verification assessment (DEVA) initiative beginning Nov. 1, **immediately following open enrollment, and ending Dec. 15.**

The DEVA initiative will help ensure that our health benefits programs meet the needs of UT's employees and their eligible dependents. To conduct the initiative, UT has partnered with HMS Employer Solutions (HMS), an independent organization used by many Ohio universities that have conducted similar assessments.

This initiative is considered a best practice and addresses a mandate from Ohio elected officials, including Gov. John Kasich, that calls for universities to increase accountability and efficiency to keep student costs low. We sincerely appreciate the efforts and valuable input we received from various members of UT's campus community as we prepared for the implementation of this initiative.

The DEVA initiative impacts only employees who are covering dependents (a spouse, domestic partner and/or children) on a UT health benefits plan. Employees who do not cover dependents or are not enrolled in a UT health benefits plan will not participate.

In preparation for the DEVA initiative, employees are encouraged to gather copies of required verification materials for eligible dependents they wish to cover on a UT health benefits plan. Please go to the toledo.edu/dependent-verification for detailed information regarding acceptable verification documents.

Employees will provide their documents directly to HMS. UT's Human Resources and Talent Development team will not be involved in the documentation verification process. The University will receive only aggregate data, and will not have access to the documentation provided to HMS. At the conclusion of the initiative, HMS will securely destroy all submitted documents. Note: only submit copies of original documents. The copies will not be returned.

You will soon receive direct communication from HMS Employer Solutions. Materials will be sent to employees' home addresses, so it is important to ensure your contact information in the myUT portal is up to date. Your address can be updated in the Employee tab within the portal.

We appreciate your cooperation with the implementation of this initiative.

Jovita Thomas-Williams
Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

ATTENTION EMPLOYEES: Open enrollment for health plans runs through Monday, Oct. 31.

Employees are asked to log in to the myUT portal and review health benefit elections and make changes as needed.

For those not planning to make changes and who do not have a medical spending account, dependent care account or health savings account, their medical, pharmacy, dental and vision coverage will carry over to 2017.

For more information, contact Human Resources through email at benefits@utoledo.edu or by calling 419.530.4747.

UT NEWS

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