

Crystal shines



Photos by Daniel Miller



Crystal Bowersox visited UT last week to speak and perform for students in Doermann Theater. Her appearance was part of the Jesup Scott Honors College's Conversations in Real Time speaker series. The singer-songwriter from Elliston, Ohio, shared her story of what led her to "American Idol." Bowersox talked about fate and luck, but said, "Providence is the word that sticks with me — timely preparation for future eventualities — that's what I believe in." She played "Grey-Haired Rock Star," "Singing in the Subway," "Everything Falls Into Place" and "Invincible." "This opportunity to speak to you here tonight is special to me as I've never taken the time to analyze [my life and career] before, thank you," she said. Watch the event at <http://utole.do/crystal>.

UT Medical Center featured in Healthcare Equality Index 2014

By Kevin Bucher

The University of Toledo Medical Center has again been recognized as a "Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality" in the Healthcare Equality Index 2014, an annual survey conducted by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the educational arm of the country's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organization.

UTMC met the core four criteria for LGBT patient-centered care to earn the status of Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality: patient nondiscrimination policies, visitation policies, employment nondiscrimination policies, and training in LGBT patient-centered care.

"We are ecstatic to be considered a leader for health-care equality for the second year in a row," said Dr. Shanda Gore, UT associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement. "It says a great deal about our hospital, employees and patient care. We are proud to be able to supply safe and equal care for anyone who visits UTMC."

More than 1,500 facilities were evaluated nationwide, and UTMC was one of 426 to be named an Equity Leader. UTMC was the only medical facility achieving this status in northwest Ohio.

"We are consistently meeting the criteria and leading the area; we hope to be an example for other facilities in northwest Ohio so that they can achieve the same status," Gore said.

"We are extremely proud of the effort our hospital puts in to ensure people from all backgrounds and orientations receive the same care," said Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs. "This recognition reinforces the mission of The University of Toledo to improve the human condition and serve a diverse population."

For more information about the Healthcare Equality Index 2014, or to download a free copy of the report, visit bit.ly/HEI2014Report.



Ritter Planetarium establishes fulldome studio, gears up to premiere first program next month

By Aimee Portala

The Ritter Planetarium at The University of Toledo has assembled a team of faculty, staff and students to create and produce fulldome planetarium programs.

Fulldome programs — immersive, 3D experiences that require a special projection system — are frequently featured in modern, digital planetariums. The University's fulldome projector, the Spitz SciDome XD, was installed three years ago.

Fulldome programs are primarily created by production houses and a handful of the largest planetariums in North America and Europe, and cost between \$5,000 and \$20,000 each. The quality of these programs varies tremendously and, unfortunately, many smaller and mid-sized digital planetariums



FULL POWER: This scene is from the UT Fulldome Studio's program "Santa's Secret Star," which will premiere Friday, Dec. 5, at Ritter Planetarium.

cannot afford high-quality programs and are priced out of the fulldome market.

Ritter Planetarium has a library of approximately 20 such programs, with two

or three being added each year. Fulldome programs are usually 20 to 25 minutes in length.

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Local small business recognized as a top inner-city company

By Lindsay Mahaney

Even though it's a small business, American Floors & Interiors is making a big name for itself.

Fortune magazine and the Initiative for Competitive Inner City ranked the Toledo-based company first in the nation for the fastest-growing inner-city construction company and 11th fastest-growing inner-city company overall in its 2014 Inner City 100 list.

"Because of my passion for the community and my commitment to the inner city, for me [the award] was heartfelt," said Gary Johnson, the company's CEO and UT alumnus.

affairs, and Dr. Shanda Gore, UT assistant vice president for equity and diversity, who were able to connect him to Chuck Lehnert, former vice president of facilities. Lehnert and Johnson came to an agreement that resulted in Johnson getting a contract to do flooring at the University.

When the recession hit, Johnson said his company capitalized on the needs of the public sector because it continued to renovate and upkeep its buildings.

"While everyone else was complaining that business was going down, I was complaining that my business was growing too fast," Johnson joked.



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS: Gary Johnson, CEO of American Floors & Interiors, center; posed for a photo with Mathew Camp, president of the Initiative for Competitive Inner City, left; and Michael Porter, founder and chair of the initiative. Fortune magazine and the Initiative for Competitive Inner City ranked the Toledo-based company first in the nation for the fastest-growing inner-city construction company and 11th fastest-growing inner-city company overall in its 2014 Inner City 100 list.

"I've always believed in wanting to go and try to identify people who are willing to work hard, but would not necessarily have the opportunity to be trained with skill sets that will benefit them for the rest of their lives."

The company, which is located at 305 Morris St., was started in 2005 when Johnson moved back to Ohio. While highly successful now — the company's revenue was nearly \$3.85 million in 2013 — the first three years the company actually lost money, Johnson said.

"It took three years before people had enough confidence and faith in our business to really want to start using it," he said.

But the company got its big break when Johnson got involved with the UT Minority Business Development Center, a program that helps grow businesses in Toledo by offering training, mentoring, advising, and office space to budding companies.

Johnson said he worked with Larry Burns, UT vice president for external

"Being a minority business, there was a big push for diversity at that time, so we capitalized on that market and delivered," he said.

Johnson said there are three standards he holds his company to that sets it apart from other businesses: being No. 1 in customer service, No. 1 in quality service and No. 1 in community service.

"We feel if we serve all three of those entities equally, build a team of great estimators and skilled trades people, we have and will continue to succeed," he said. "[The award] was almost like a measurement of how well that formula works."

Johnson said he takes a hands-on approach to ensure these factors are all met by working directly with his employees, personally visiting customers, and taking roles in the community — including serving on the UT President's Council for Diversity. He said he also plans to run for city council next year.

UT Physics and Astronomy Department recognized for female graduation rates

By Lindsay Mahaney

According to the American Physical Society, fewer than 20 percent of undergraduate physics majors nationwide are women. But at The University of Toledo, those numbers are significantly higher.

In a recent statistics analysis conducted by the society, The University of Toledo Department of Physics and Astronomy was ranked sixth in the nation among PhD-granting institutions for the highest percentage of women earning physics undergraduate degrees.

"I'm very happy to see these results," said Dr. Karen Bjorkman, Distinguished University Professor and dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. "I hope that we continue to push in this direction because I think it's very important to our field. It is important to open up excellent career opportunities for our women students."

Bjorkman said that the study is done to give professional organizations and universities feedback and statistics on their progress.

"One of the issues that we have, especially in the physical sciences, is a low percentage of women and minorities," she said. "We're trying to work toward greater diversity in the field."

The analysis showed that 47 percent of UT's undergraduate physics degrees from 2010 to 2012 were received by women.

The increase in women studying physics and astrophysics is a topic that Bjorkman said she holds close to her heart because of her own work as a physicist. She said that the University is working to further increase the number of

females and minorities earning physics — and other science — degrees.

"We stress undergraduate research in this college and try to get students involved with research early," she said. "I think that's a real benefit to all our students, but women in particular benefit because they get the opportunity to connect more individually to their professors and their research projects. It gets them excited about what they're doing, and gives them a sense of being part of the community, which helps them engage with the field."

There is also a highly competitive summer program called Research Experiences for Undergraduates, funded by the National Science Foundation, that is open to students across the country and that UT students often apply for, according to Bjorkman. This encourages enthusiasm in the field of physics.

"I think all of those things together: trying to make better connections with students in the department, trying to engage them in what we're doing and get them excited about it, I think all of that helps," she said. "I'm delighted to see the numbers are steadily increasing."

The American Physical Society is a nonprofit membership organization that works to advance the physics field through research, education, outreach advocacy and international activities. It has more than 50,000 members from all realms of the physics field, including physicists in academia, laboratories and industry.

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Correction

In last week's issue of UT News, the men's and women's basketball schedules from 2013-14 were published. Here are the schedules for this season.

2014-15 TOLEDO MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sat.	Nov. 8	FINDLAY (EXHIBITION)	SAVAGE ARENA	2:30 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 16	NORTHERN ARIZONA	SAVAGE ARENA	2 p.m.
Tues.	Nov. 18	at VCU# (ESPNU)	Richmond, VA	6 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 21	at Oregon#	Eugene, OR	7 p.m.
Mon.	Nov. 24	LEGENDS CLASSIC Detroit vs. MD-Eastern Shore BUCKNELL vs. TOLEDO	SAVAGE ARENA	4:30 p.m. 7 p.m.
Tues.	Nov. 25	LEGENDS CLASSIC Bucknell vs. Detroit/MD-Eastern Shore DETROIT/MD-EASTERN SHORE vs. TOLEDO	SAVAGE ARENA	4:30 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 29	at Oakland	Rochester, MI	7 p.m.
Wed.	Dec. 3	at Cleveland State	Cleveland, OH	7 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 6	CHICAGO STATE	SAVAGE ARENA	2 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 13	ARKANSAS STATE	SAVAGE ARENA	7 p.m.
Wed.	Dec. 17	ROBERT MORRIS	SAVAGE ARENA	7 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 20	at McNeese State	Broussard, LA	2 p.m.
Mon.	Dec. 29	at Duke (ESPN2)	Durham, NC	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 3	at Northern Kentucky	Highland Heights, KY	4 p.m.
Tues.	Jan. 6	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	SAVAGE ARENA	TBA
Fri.	Jan. 9	AKRON*	SAVAGE ARENA	TBA
Wed.	Jan. 14	at Ohio*	Athens, OH	TBA
Sat.	Jan. 17	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	SAVAGE ARENA	TBA
Wed.	Jan. 21	at Kent State*	Kent, OH	TBA
Sat.	Jan. 24	BOWLING GREEN*	SAVAGE ARENA	TBA
Tues.	Jan. 27	MIAMI*	SAVAGE ARENA	TBA
Sat.	Jan. 31	at Northern Illinois*	DeKalb, IL	TBA
Wed.	Feb. 4	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	SAVAGE ARENA	TBA
Sat.	Feb. 7	at Ball State*	Muncie, IN	TBA
Tues.	Feb. 10	at Buffalo*	Buffalo, NY	TBA
Sat.	Feb. 14	KENT STATE*	SAVAGE ARENA	TBA
Wed.	Feb. 18	at Akron*	Akron, OH	TBA
Sat.	Feb. 21	at Western Michigan*	Kalamazoo, MI	TBA
Tues.	Feb. 24	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	SAVAGE ARENA	TBA
Sat.	Feb. 28	BALL STATE*	SAVAGE ARENA	TBA
Tues.	Mar. 3	at Central Michigan*	Mt. Pleasant, MI	TBA
Fri.	Mar. 6	at Eastern Michigan*	Ypsilanti, MI	TBA
Mon.	Mar. 9	MAC Tournament - First Round	Campus Site	TBA
Wed.-Sat.	Mar. 11-14	MAC Tournament (Quicken Loans Arena)	Cleveland, OH	TBA

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2014-15 TOLEDO WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sat.	Nov. 8	FERRIS STATE (EXH.)	SAVAGE ARENA	NOON
Fri.	Nov. 14	at Cleveland State	Cleveland, OH	7 p.m.
Thu.	Nov. 20	ST. BONAVENTURE	SAVAGE ARENA	7 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 23	at Purdue	West Lafayette, IN	2 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 28	FIU Holiday Classic vs. Virginia	Miami, FL	8 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 30	FIU Holiday Classic vs. Arizona/Florida International	Miami, FL	TBA
Wed.	Dec. 10	at Dayton	Dayton, OH	11 a.m.
Sat.	Dec. 13	GLASS CITY CLASSIC SE Missouri St. vs. Detroit IDAHO vs. TOLEDO	SAVAGE ARENA	NOON 2:30 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 14	GLASS CITY CLASSIC SE Missouri St. vs. Idaho DETROIT vs. TOLEDO	SAVAGE ARENA	NOON 2:30 p.m.
Fri.	Dec. 19	New Orleans Shootout (vs. Nevada)	New Orleans, LA	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 20	New Orleans Shootout (vs. Southern Illinois)	New Orleans, LA	3 p.m.
Tues.	Dec. 30	UW-PARKSIDE	SAVAGE ARENA	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 3	MIAMI*	SAVAGE ARENA	2 p.m.
Wed.	Jan. 7	KENT STATE*	SAVAGE ARENA	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 10	at Ohio*	Athens, OH	TBA
Wed.	Jan. 14	AKRON*	SAVAGE ARENA	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 17	at Western Michigan*	Kalamazoo, MI	2 p.m.
Wed.	Jan. 21	BUFFALO*	SAVAGE ARENA	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 24	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	SAVAGE ARENA	TBA
Sat.	Jan. 31	at Bowling Green*	Bowling Green, OH	4 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 4	at Buffalo*	Amherst, NY	7 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 7	BALL STATE*	SAVAGE ARENA	2 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 11	at Central Michigan*	Mount Pleasant, MI	7 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 14	at Akron*	Akron, OH	TBA
Wed.	Feb. 18	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	SAVAGE ARENA	11 a.m.
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In memoriam

Edith A. Gholston, Clarksburg, W.Va., died Oct. 30 at age 92. She received a master of education degree in 1972 and later worked as a supervisor of student teachers.

JoAnn Redfern, Toledo, a cashier in the UT Bursar's Office from 1991 until her retirement in 2001, died Oct. 29 at age 75.

Services set for UT security officer

Funeral arrangements for Samantha Cozad, who was a security officer on Health Science Campus, have been announced.

The Toledo resident was killed in a car accident Nov. 4.

Visitation hours will be held Monday, Nov. 10, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Witzler Shank Funeral Home, 222 E. South Boundary St., Perrysburg. The funeral will be held there Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m.

Cozad, 20, had worked at the University since May 2013.

CEO/founder of Centro to speak at business recognition celebration; RSVP by Nov. 12

By Cassandra DeYoung

The University of Toledo Center for Family & Privately Held Business will host its annual recognition celebration Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Toledo Club.

Shawn Riegsecker, CEO and founder of Centro, will be interviewed by Mike Hart, president and CEO of Hart, as part of the program titled “Happiness as the New Return on Investment: The New Corporate Manifesto.”

“We invited Riegsecker because he is a northwest Ohio native who has made remarkable achievements as a young entrepreneur,” Debbe Skutch, director of the Center for Family & Privately Held Business, said. “For instance, his company, Centro, has been named the best place to work four years in a row by Crain’s, which is unheard of.”

The free, public event will cover:

- The importance of company culture;
- Entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial spirit;

- Attracting, training and retaining talented people;
- Community commitment;
- Health and well-being of employees and work/life blend;
- Importance of innovation and managing chance; and
- Mission and vision.

“It’s our hope to reach out to those in the community who are entrepreneurs and to millennials who wish to start their own business, and give them a different and fresh perspective to company culture,” Skutch said.

Networking will start at 5:30 p.m. with the program following at 6 p.m.

Registration for the event is requested by Wednesday, Nov. 12, online at utfamilybusiness.org.

For more information, email Angie Jones, program manager of the College of Business and Innovation, at angie.jones@utoledo.edu.

Lab Open House Nov. 17 at UT’s Lake Erie Center

By Cassandra DeYoung

The University of Toledo’s Lake Erie Center will host a Lab Open House Monday, Nov. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The lab will include discussions and demonstrations by Lake Erie Center staff, faculty, students and researchers on their behind-the-scenes environmental work.

Topics that will be covered include the Toledo water crisis, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, invasive species, controlling harmful algae blooms, local fish and fisheries, wetland restoration, and phosphorus runoff.

“In light of recent national media attention regarding the Toledo water crisis, in conjunction with the analyses conducted in our laboratories, we felt compelled to prominently showcase our abilities to measure the well-being of the Great Lakes through an array of different scientific testing mediums,” said Alexander Hughes, communication and technology specialist at the UT Lake Erie Center.

The center is an interdisciplinary research and education site located near

the northwestern corner of Ohio’s Maumee Bay State Park. It is dedicated to improving the environmental condition, ecosystems services, natural resources, and sustainability of Lake Erie and its watersheds, as well as enhancing education for students and the public.

Researchers use the center to explore the interaction between the Western Lake Erie Basin and the Maumee River and Maumee Bay, using the results to investigate the link among land use, aquatic resources, water quality, sustainable living and human health.

“In the end, we hope to raise awareness for what can be done individually to help preserve our ecosystem as well as mitigate the anxieties of our community by demonstrating the efforts in motion by our researchers to protect the world’s largest surface fresh water supply,” Hughes said.

For more information about the free, public event, contact Hughes at 419.530.8361 or alexander.hughes@utoledo.edu.

Ritter Planetarium

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Creation of fulldome programs involves a large production crew, as opposed to the past when one-man shows were more common. Production costs can approach the level of TV series and films.

The University of Toledo Fulldome Studio utilizes talent from across campus: the Center for Creative Instruction, the Judith Herb College of Education, Art Department and more.

“We don’t have all of the needed talent on our small staff, but it occurred to us that UT, as a whole, does,” said Alex Mak, associate planetarium director. “This led us to create the UT Fulldome Studio. By combining our talent with that of others at UT, we have put together a production team that can produce high-quality programs for a reasonable cost. This will allow us to market our programs at a relatively low price.”

The UT Fulldome Studio is gearing up to release its first production titled “Santa’s Secret Star,” a 23-minute program for children in kindergarten through second grade. A teacher’s guide and other resources

will help further the educational impact of the program.

The program will premiere Friday, Dec. 5, at Ritter Planetarium.

“Santa’s Secret Star” is based on a traditional, slide-based planetarium program that Mak created in 1988.

“We’ve updated the script and have created a stunning visual adaptation,” he said.

“Santa’s Secret Star” will be marketed to other planetariums throughout the United States. Revenue generated will be used to support Ritter Planetarium and future UT productions.

Mak noted that everyone involved in the project has learned a lot about what goes into a successful show.

“There are many elements to creating a good program. It has to be scientifically accurate and up-to-date. It has to be interesting, engaging and informative. Finally, it needs visual appeal,” Mak said. “The program has to take full advantage of the technological capabilities of modern projection systems.”

The UT Fulldome Studio crew already is planning the next production. They are hoping to create approximately two programs each year and sell the productions to 20 planetariums over a three-year period.

“Future productions will involve even more University students, faculty and staff, including writers, artists, musicians and educators,” Mak said.

Those involved in the production of “Santa’s Secret Star” include Morgan Hayward, recent UT graduate and graphic artist; Jason Bolbach, software specialist for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, who provided the computer support needed to render the video; Dr. Lee Heritage, associate professor of music in the College of Communication and the Arts, who created a musical score; Paul Casmus, lead records technician II in the Radiology Department, who provided voice talent;

and Cam Norton, assistant director of social media in University Communications, who provided audio engineering.

“UT Fulldome Studio is a terrific concept since it serves our need at the Ritter Planetarium for quality programs, serves the needs of the greater planetarium community, and provides positive exposure for the University,” Mak said. “It also gives our students an opportunity to gain valuable experience while at the same time generating much-needed revenue.”

For more information, visit utoledo.edu/nsm/rpbo.



Professor emeritus pledges book advance to Early Literacy Program

Dr. Paul Many, local author and UT professor emeritus of communication, has pledged \$1,000 of advance book royalties to the Early Literacy Campaign of the Library Legacy Foundation if his sci-fi novel *SilverSky* wins enough nominations to be accepted as a Kindle e-book.

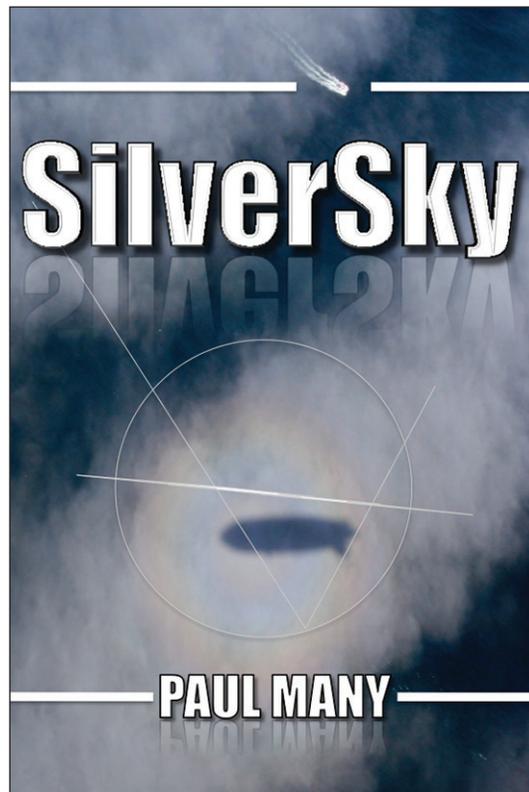
If the book receives enough nominations, and Amazon offers a Kindle contract, Many will donate \$1,000 of his \$1,500 advance to the early literacy campaign.

Explaining his rationale for the offer, Many said, “Children who are unready to read when they start school may be at a lifelong disadvantage. Reading is increasingly important for everything from interacting with others on Facebook to deciding which political candidate will best serve us. Of course,” he added jokingly, “I’d also like them to be able to read my books.”

SilverSky, inspired by Edgar Rice Burroughs’ pulp fiction titles such as *The Gods of Mars*, has made the first cut in the new Kindle “Scout” program from Amazon that seeks to crowd-source new books for electronic publication. The book has recently been listed among the top 20 in the ongoing program.

To nominate the book with no cost or obligation, search “SilverSky Kindle Scout” on Google, or go to <http://utoledo.do/many>.

Many, who retired from The University of Toledo in 2013, is the author of three teen books and two children’s picture books with another forthcoming — all from major publishers.



With nearly one-third of Toledo-area children not prepared to enter kindergarten ready to read and write, the Library Legacy Foundation initiated the Early Literacy Campaign for the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library to bring essential early literacy skills and training to the areas of the community that are most at-risk.

A specially equipped library van to bring materials into target neighborhoods is already up and running, and the program provides other features such as literacy kits for parents and child-care teachers.

Autumnal perspective



Photo by Daniel Miller

University Photographer Daniel Miller took this shot last month of University Hall from Drummond Road.

Professor to speak on compassion Nov. 12 at Murray/Bacik Lecture in Catholic Studies

By Lindsay Mahaney

Compassion can be found everywhere, according to Dr. Peter Feldmeier — a point he plans to emphasize at the Center for Religious Understanding’s annual Murray/Bacik Lecture in Catholic Studies.

Feldmeier, the Thomas and Margaret Murray and James J. Bacik Catholic Studies Professor, will give a presentation titled “The Power of Compassion in a Cold World” Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Center for Performing Arts Room 1025. A reception will follow the free, public event.

“It’s very valuable to recognize some of the increase in disparities in the world,” Feldmeier said. “The disparity between rich

and poor is increasing. In a lot of places, people just seem to not care.”

He said, “It’s a cold world; our hearts are cold.”

Feldmeier said he plans to focus on compassion through the lenses of three different religious backgrounds during his lecture: Judaism, Buddhism and Christianity. He explained that each of the religions utilizes compassion as a core belief.

Judaism holds the belief that the world is broken and it’s humanity’s job to heal it; in other words, compassion is the essence of the life of faith.

The Buddhist tradition has a foundational posture of compassion, which is connected to being attentive to the suffering of one’s self and those surrounding him. Some go so far as to take a Bodhisattva vow — a pledge to devote their lives, all of them because Buddhists believe in reincarnation, to attend to the suffering of others.

In Christianity, compassion is the face of God, which Feldmeier said he supports with the reflections of Cardinal Walter Kasper, author of the book *Mercy: The Essence of the Gospel and the Key to Christian Life*, and Pope Francis’ teachings on the necessity for compassion.

“Compassion is currently an imperative to address a world that’s gotten colder,” he said. “Compassion is a core foundation for authentic religion, and compassion has a kind of power like no other — a power to warm, heal and unite like no other thing.”

Free parking will be available in lots 12, 12S and 12W.

For more information, contact the Center for Religious Understanding at 419.530.6187 or visit utoledo.edu/lls/philosophy/cfru/events.html.

Social media app wins Pitch & Pour business competition

In a close decision, a Baltimore app developer took home \$2,500 in cash and \$4,000 in business services for Happinin! at the UT LaunchPad Incubation's third Pitch & Pour business pitch competition.

"Happinin! won because the judges felt they made the best case for being in a position to be successful now and grow in the long term," said Molly Reams Thompson, director of LaunchPad Incubation. "You could tell they had done their homework, were testing their app infrastructure, and were well along in customer experience trials in their Baltimore test market."

The interactive Happinin! app features the ability to both upload and view on-site video activity at local restaurants, clubs, bars and events. It will allow users to literally see what is "happinin" at specific sites at specific times to influence social activity decisions. Each nine-second video has a

time and location stamp to provide a snapshot of activity at various venues.

A standing-room-only crowd of nearly 350 watched six startup teams fight for top honors at the third Pitch & Pour business competition, which was held last month in the Tom and Elizabeth Brady Innovation Center, located inside Nitschke Technology Commercialization Complex. Among those in attendance were UT Interim President Nagi Naganathan, UT Innovation Enterprises Interim CEO Rhonda Wingfield and Rocket Ventures CEO Bob Savage.

Second place went to Daily Fantasy Cricket, which won a \$1,500 cash prize. The worldwide cricket fan base numbers more than 1 billion people, and after just 16 months online, Daily Fantasy Cricket has become the No. 1 fan site for cricket betting and fantasy sports. The company is looking for investment for more site development as well as adding boots-on-the-ground sign-up

marketing of the service outside cricket stadiums — particularly in India, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

UT graduate students Eric Olson and Tony Boyle made a strong showing representing the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. Their business start-up concept, T & E Designs, will develop simulation joint models allowing physical therapy and medical students to actually "feel" various problems before practicing on patients. Formed two months ago, T & E Designs is seeking engineering assistance and basic business development help to get the concept off the ground.

More than the thrill of victory and cash prizes, all of the teams benefited from business exposure that is almost impossible to come by as a young start-up, Thompson said.

"We had investors, advisers, technology companies, entrepreneurs, college deans

and many influential people here watching these teams present their ideas," she said. "I know each team made some serious contacts for further discussion. Connecting early stage tech companies like this with people and resources is part of the core mission here at LaunchPad Incubation. There is truly nothing like this event in northwest Ohio and this was our biggest and best one yet."

The LaunchPad Incubation Program at the University works to bolster innovation in northwest Ohio by providing access to capital, resources and expertise focused on early stage tech-based startup companies.



Joining a good cause



Photo by Laurie Flowers

Attending the recent University Women's Commission luncheon were, from left, Amanda Benjamin, digital media and marketing specialist in Hospital Marketing; Leisha Lininger, marketing and recruitment specialist intern at the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women; Bobbi Vaughan, director of the Center for Creative Instruction; and Kathy Grabel, UT retiree and University Women's Commission board member. A total of 25 joined the organization, which raises funds for scholarships for women. Women and men of the campus community are invited to join the commission. Annual membership costs \$25 for UT employees and \$10 for students, and is tax-deductible. For more information, go to utoledo.edu/commissions/uwc.

Local TV personality/CEO to speak at women's health lecture

By Cassandra DeYoung

Doni Miller, local TV personality and chief executive officer of Toledo's Neighborhood Health Association, will present a lecture on "Women's Health — Opportunities and Obligations."

The free, public talk will take place Thursday, Nov. 13, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Collier Building Room 1000. The event is sponsored by the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women.

Miller will address issues that impact women's health today; these will include how to navigate the health-care system and social and cultural pressures.

"Doni Miller is someone who has made an impact on the community through her work in the Neighborhood Health Association and her informative interviews on TV," Dr. Shanda Gore, UT associate vice president for equity, diversity and community, said. "We hope for her to share her knowledge of health and how the lack of health care affects at-risk communities."

Jan Ruma, vice president of the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio, will join Miller and discuss opportunities for women related to the Affordable Care Act and the expansion of Medicaid.

"We hope that this lecture will help answer questions about the health-care system, the Affordable Care Act specifically, and what women need to take care of themselves in their day-to-day lives," Gore said.

"I strongly encourage everyone to come, bring questions, and utilize this opportunity to better take care of themselves," Gore said.

For more information, contact the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women at 419.530.8570.

With respect



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Members of the Student Veterans of America UT Chapter, above, prepared a faded, tattered U.S. flag for retirement Friday during a ceremony presided over by Navy Reserve Lt. Haraz N. Ghanbari, UT military liaison. It was the first event to retire American flags held on campus, according to Ghanbari. At right, Ghanbari, left, presented a flag to be retired to Marine Cpl. Joshua Ortiz, president of the Student Veterans of America UT Chapter. According to the U.S. Flag Code, when an American flag is torn, tattered or faded and is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Ortiz saluted the flag as it burned.

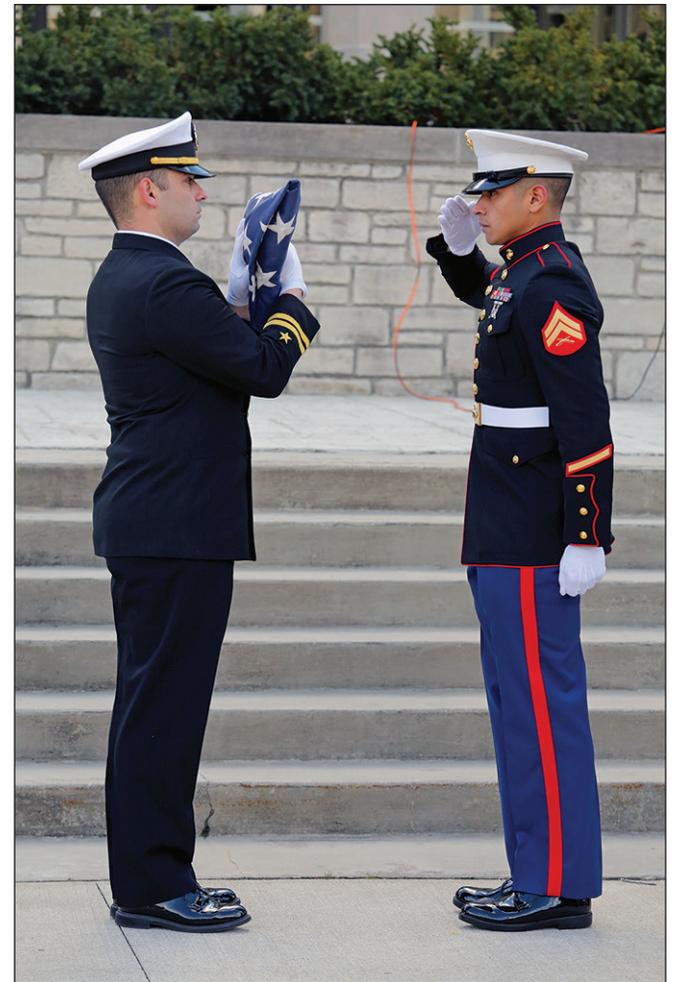


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UT to celebrate International Education Week

By Cathy Zimmer

The UT campus community, led by the Center for International Studies and Programs, will celebrate International Education Week, Nov. 17-21, with more than 30 events.

International Education Week serves as a reminder that university campuses play a vital role in shaping global awareness, preparing students for the global environment, and encouraging them to become international leaders.

“International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide,” said Michelle Ploeger, international education specialist and coordinator of International Education Week. “This year we have again partnered across campus to offer a variety of programs and activities for the UT community to enjoy and learn about different cultures, international opportunities and global issues.

“There will be fun, academic opportunities for students, faculty and staff. These include International Village, foreign film screenings, international photo contest, and excellent speakers,” Ploeger added. “This week provides the campus community with several opportunities to meet international students and scholars, try international food, and prepare for experiential learning outside the country.”

The keynote address, “Go Global! Education Abroad Launches Career Opportunities,” will take place Tuesday, Nov. 18, at noon in Student Union Room 2582/84. Stacie Nevadomski Berdan, a global executive, international career expert, and award-winning author, will provide information on how to succeed in the worldwide marketplace.

Have you wondered about working overseas? Does the life of a U.S. diplomat intrigue you? Attend Diplomat in Residence Michelle Jones’ informational presentation, “Ask a Diplomat,” and learn about U.S. Foreign Service careers. Questions about career opportunities, including internships, fellowships, and Civil and Foreign Service positions will be answered Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. in Student Union Room 2591.

An interactive presentation titled “Global Climate Disruption: How Do We Know? What Can We Do?” with Dr. Andy Jorgensen, UT associate professor of chemistry and chair of the American Chemical Society Committee on Education, will take place Thursday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. in Student Union Room 2591. Jorgensen spent a sabbatical leave as Senior Fellow at the National Council for Science and

the Environment, where his work focused on the development of climate change curricular materials.

Listed by date, other highlights for International Education Week will include:

Monday, Nov. 17

- Passport Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Snyder Memorial Building Room 1000. Stop in to schedule a passport appointment during fall semester and receive a free passport photo.
- Education Abroad Info Session Featuring European Destinations, 3 to 4 p.m., Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100. Are you interested in traveling and experiencing a new culture while gaining college credit? Get inspired by UT students as they share their European education abroad experiences.
- Arabic Film Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m., Memorial Field House Room 1050. Watch an Arabic film with the Department of Foreign Languages.
- Education Abroad Info Session for Campus Residents, 7 to 9 p.m., Carter Hall Huddle. Get inspired by UT students as they share their study abroad experiences.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

- Education Abroad Info Session Featuring Costa Rica, 11 a.m. to noon, Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100. UT faculty and students will share their education abroad experiences.
- Peace Corps Info Session, 3 to 4 p.m., Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100. Learn about the opportunity to live, learn and work overseas from returned volunteers.
- Spanish Film Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m., Memorial Field House Room 2480. Watch a Spanish film with the Department of Foreign Languages.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

- International Village, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. International Student Association members will showcase their cultures with free food and performances.
- Department of Foreign Language Study Abroad Reception, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Memorial Field House Room 2420. UT faculty members will talk about studying and teaching abroad.
- Education Abroad Info Session Featuring India, 3 to 4 p.m., Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100. UT



faculty and students will share their education abroad experiences in India.

- International Food Mixer & International Trivia, 5 to 6 p.m., Rocky’s Pub in the Student Union. Sample international appetizers, mingle with new international and American friends, and test your knowledge of international trivia and current events.
- German Film Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m., Memorial Field House Room 1050. Watch a German film with the Department of Foreign Languages.

Thursday, Nov. 20

- Education Abroad Info Session Featuring Asia, 11 a.m. to noon, Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100. UT students will talk about their time abroad in Asia.
- Fulbright for Scholars, noon to 1 p.m., Student Union Room 2591. Faculty are invited to learn more about the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, which provides approximately 800 teaching and/or research grants in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. Grants are available in some 125 countries worldwide.
- Global Health Exhibit, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., Health and Human Services Building Room 1711. Global Health students will present approximately 30 countries’ public health status. Learn about the economic status, leading causes of death, public health services, and medical work force statistics for several countries.

- French Film Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m., Memorial Field House Room 2480. Watch a French film with the Department of Foreign Languages.

Friday, Nov. 21

- Fulbright for U.S. Students, 10 to 11 a.m., Student Union Room 2591. Learn more about the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, which provides annual grants to study, conduct research or teach English worldwide.
- Education Abroad Info Session Featuring South American Destinations, noon to 1 p.m., Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100. Brazilian exchange students and UT students will share stories about their time abroad in South American.
- Film Screening: “American Dreams in China,” 3 to 5 p.m., Memorial Field House Room 1050. How did China do it? Was it simply the sheer size of its population that rocked the nation from Communist underdog to global economic superpower? This film suggests otherwise. Inspired by a true story, this stirring tale dramatizes both the spirit and the details of China’s historic rise.

International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and have exchange experiences in the United States.

For a complete list of International Education Week events, visit utoledo.edu/cisp/iew.