

UT selected as top school for military and veteran students

By Aimee Portala

Military Advanced Education has named The University of Toledo a top school in its 2015 Guide to Colleges and Universities, which measures best practices in military and veteran education.

The guide was released in the December issue of the journal.

“This recognition further demonstrates UT’s commitment to serving our veterans and helping them achieve successful and productive lives,” said Dr. Dennis Lettman, dean of the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning.

“We believe the guide serves as an invaluable tool for both education services officers and transition officers when advising service members about their educational opportunities,” said Kelly Fodel, Military Advanced Education editor. “We used strict criteria to individually evaluate the submissions of respondents,

and we had a record number of schools participating this year.”

The guide presents results of a questionnaire of the military-supportive policies at more than 600 institutions and provides students with information about the institutions that give back to the men and women in uniform. This year, institutes were evaluated on their military culture, financial aid flexibility, on-campus support and online support services.

“Not only is the 2015 guide printed in our December issue of Military Advanced Education, but also published in a searchable database online,” Fodel said. “We designed this database with the military student in mind. We want to help them make informed choices, so we are giving them access to all the survey questions and answers provided by the schools, as well as explanations about critical issues like



activation and deployment policies, withdrawal policies, scholarship and financial aid information, and important support information.”

The 2015 Military Advanced Education Guide to Colleges and Universities is available online at mae-kmi.com.

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Business students again helping area residents through free tax preparation program

By Bob Mackowiak

When the United Way of Greater Toledo provides free tax preparation services to area families and individuals beginning in January, among the volunteer corps again will be several students from The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation.

“This is our fourth year of partnering with the United Way Free Tax Preparation Program. Every year it continues to grow both in awareness and with student involvement,” noted Laura Williams, UT senior lecturer in management, who coordinates the tax preparation program on campus. “We live our mission statement through this program’s outreach into the community, the opportunity it creates for students for internships and hands-on experience, and engaging nonprofit community partners.

“I designed the 3030 Management course to be a life lab where students just don’t read the book, they live the book,”



Photo by Daniel Miller

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Dr. Gary Insch, dean of the College of Business and Innovation, spoke to the media about the Free Tax Preparation Program with, from left, Lucas County Treasurer Wade Kapszukiewicz, Lucas County Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak and United Way Program Manager of the Free Tax Preparation Program Toni Shoola.

she added. “United Way is a community partner within the course. Students are held accountable to high academic standards through the course and high community standards through the melding of the two. I train students for future managerial careers through class, and the United Way trains the

students for the tax program. The students love the hands-on experience and seem to always remember this course.”

Students value learning a new skill and the chance to help others.

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UT updates policies for inclement weather emergencies, essential employees

By Jon Strunk

As students and employees deal with another winter, The University of Toledo has updated its Continuity of Operations Plan as well as its listing of essential employees, those required to work during inclement weather to ensure the continued operations of key services.

An important component of the plan continues to be communication.

“Our primary concern is the safety of our students, employees and patients,” said David Morlock, executive vice president for finance and administration. “With that in mind, our goal is to get the word out on delays or class suspensions as quickly as possible.”

In the rare event of a major snow or ice storm or other inclement weather that necessitates UT delaying or suspending classes or campus events, the University will announce this information through several communication vehicles:

- UT Alert text message and email (visit <https://utalert.utoledo.edu> to sign up);
- Web: myut.utoledo.edu and utoledo.edu;
- Phone: 419.530.SNOW (7669);
- Social media: UT on Facebook and Twitter; and
- Local media.

Morlock said UT policy is to remain open whenever possible to minimize interruption of teaching and research.

Areas of the University deemed essential that will maintain continuous operations regardless of the weather are:

- Clinical operations;
- Campus safety and security;
- Information technology;
- Academic and student services;
- Supply chain operations (for clinical operations only);
- Facility services; and
- Employee payroll and human resources information systems services.

Employees assigned to these individual areas may be designated as essential and required to report to work during all emergencies and will be notified of their status.

Activation of UT’s Continuity of Operations Plan by the president or the president’s designee will be based only on Lucas County Snow Emergency declarations. Recognizing that UT employees live in counties throughout the region and in Michigan, residents in outlying counties that declare Level 3



Photo by Daniel Miller

WINTERTIME: University Photographer Daniel Miller took this shot in November. There are rare occasions when severe winter weather may alter operations at the University.

Snow Emergencies are required to notify their supervisor and seek direction as to the appropriate treatment of the absence should they choose not to report to work.

Essential employees should complete the essential personnel acknowledgement memo and return it to their supervisor. Additionally, essential employees will receive the essential personnel restricted

travel memo for presentation to local law enforcement if they are stopped during Level 3 Snow Emergency declarations. These documents will be made available by the supervisors.

If a sports contest is scheduled, the Athletic Department, after consultation with UT Police, will determine if the event will take place.



Photo by Anthony Tscherne

COMING TOGETHER: Interim President Nagi Naganathan, left, shook hands with Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins last week at a press conference where both spoke about the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Celebration. A quote from the Nobel Peace Prize winner provided the theme for this year’s event: “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

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officers at U.S. military installations, along with the service members they counsel.

“We are fortunate to have service members and veterans attending The University of Toledo. Every day they continue to make positive impacts in the classroom and in our communities,” said Navy Reserve Lt. Haraz Ghanbari, UT military liaison. “While we are honored by this recognition, we realize there is more we can do. We pledge to continue to

explore ways to best support them in their transitions.”

The University of Toledo has been named a military friendly school for six consecutive years by G.I. Jobs, and remains committed to helping service members, veterans and families transition from military service to the classroom and beyond.

For more information, contact Ghanbari at 419.530.VETS.

Correction

In a story about employees who completed the Professional Master’s Cohort Program for Higher Education that ran in the Jan. 12 UT News, Tom Short’s title was wrong. He was registrar and senior student services officer before he left the University.

Family grateful for UT Medical Center, UT Health physicians

By Amanda Benjamin

After 24-year-old Nicholas Kuns of Castalia, Ohio, suddenly collapsed two years ago, he was lucky to be taken to The University of Toledo Medical Center, said his parents Tammy and Brian Kuns.

On Dec. 6, 2013, Kuns arrived at UTMC's emergency room in a comatose state. UT Health physicians did a CAT scan and found that there was a massive hemorrhage caused by an arteriovenous malformation on the right side of Kuns' brain.

"Although he showed signs of impending death, I told our team that we are going to do the maximum we can to bring him back," said Dr. Azedine Medhkour, UT associate professor of surgery and UT Health neurosurgeon.

"We were really lucky that he came to UTMC and that Dr. Medhkour was here," Brian said.

Both Tammy and Brian said that they were extremely grateful that UT Health did not give up on their son.

To treat Kuns, UT Health used an interdisciplinary cerebro-vascular team that included neurosurgery, interventional neurovascular, stroke and neuroradiology. Kuns was taken to the hybrid operating room where the team simultaneously treated the clot and performed an intra-operative X-ray study (cerebral angiogram) to evaluate the arteriovenous malformation and the post-operative residual.

Despite the difficulties encountered during the surgery, the team was able to reduce the swelling in Kuns' brain.

He remained in a coma for more than 15 days. Then one day he opened his

eyes and progressively showed signs of improvement.

"It was the greatest joy to see that this young man, who is the age of my son, come back to life," Medhkour said.

"It was a miracle," Tammy said.

Tammy and Brian said that their son received excellent care at UTMC thanks

to Medhkour and Dr. Mouhammed Jumaa, UT assistant professor of neurology, director of the Stroke Center and co-director of the stroke network.

Because of the UT Health team, Kuns not only survived, but also was able to graduate from Bowling Green State University in August with a bachelor's degree in biology.

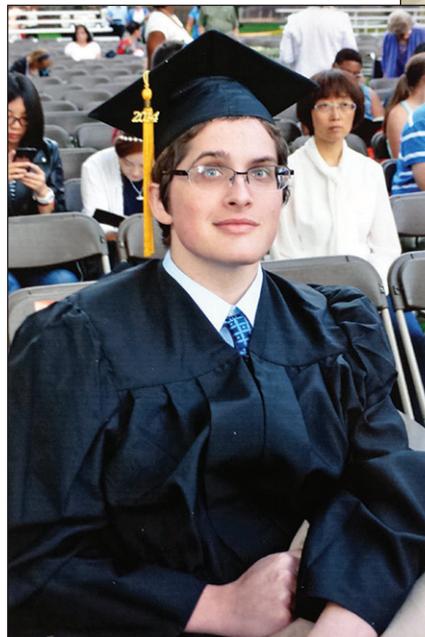
Kuns said that he is grateful to his family for staying in the hospital with him; his older brother, Nathan, stayed with him every night.

Kuns, who is in a wheelchair, does physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy five days a week.

Medhkour said that Kuns will make an excellent recovery and will be able to lead a normal life.

Kuns said that one of his hobbies is playing video games, including StarCraft II.

For more information about UT Health, visit uthealth.utoledo.edu.



GRADUATION DAY: Thanks to his treatment by UT Health, Nicholas Kuns graduated last year from Bowling Green State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in biology.



CHECKUP: Nicholas Kuns, center, posed for a photo with his parents, Brian and Tammy Kuns, and Dr. Azedine Medhkour.

Wanted: Outstanding Teacher Award nominations

Take a few minutes and recognize that teacher, the one who inspired you, challenged you, encouraged you, and motivated you to be your best.

Nominations are being accepted for the Outstanding Teacher Awards through Thursday, Feb. 26, at 5 p.m.

For the 40th year, the University and the UT Alumni Association will honor the best teachers.

Students, alumni, faculty and staff are asked to nominate teachers who exemplify excellence.

The online nomination form is at utoledo.edu/offices/provost/outstandingteacher.

Any full-time faculty member who has not received the Outstanding Teacher Award is eligible; a list of past winners is online with the nomination form.

The outstanding teachers are selected by a committee of UT faculty members who have won the award and a student representative. The committee reviews the nominations, and their deliberations are confidential; no one outside the group knows the content of the nominations or the identity of the nominators.

The content of the supporting statement from the nominator weighs heavily in the evaluation of candidates. Nominators

are asked to give specific examples that demonstrate the nominee's ability as an outstanding teacher.

Awards will be presented at the UT Outstanding Awards Reception Monday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ingman Room.

For more information on nominations, contact Amanda Kessler of the UT Alumni Relations Office at 419.530.7859 or at amanda.schwartz@utoledo.edu.

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“Nine students within the class and currently over 20 additional students have shown interest in the program by attending the Tax Program Orientation that the students were responsible for designing, promoting and implementing. Students decide if they want to participate in the program, those in the class as well as those recruited,” Williams said.

Toni Shoola, United Way program manager of the Free Tax Preparation Program, said, “Countless volunteers have conveyed to me the personal satisfaction they feel in making such a huge impact in the community. In addition, volunteers who are involved with the Free Tax Preparation Program have been able to develop an additional skill set that will serve them for the rest of their lives.”

“The College of Business and Innovation is known for its tremendous connectivity to the business community,” Williams said, “but we are also proud to work with key nonprofit organizations

such as the United Way with this program, which often means cash in the pockets of area residents.”

“I volunteer for this program because I am able to learn how to do my taxes and become a certified IRS tax preparer, which helps build my resumé. My major is accounting, and I know what I learn from this program can only help me become a better accountant,” said Derek Martindale, one of the UT business students who will be providing the service this year. “At the same time, I am able to help out families around northwest Ohio and know these tax returns are giving them free money.”

“This is a great opportunity for students within the College of Business and Innovation, particularly freshmen and sophomores, to benefit themselves immensely,” Martindale said. “United Way



Photo by Daniel Miller

READY TO HELP: Laura Williams, center; UT senior lecturer in management, posed for a photo with some students who are involved with the Free Tax Preparation Program, from left, Marissa Gibbons, Max Sanchez, Austin Morrin, Evan Madden, Parker Wall and Derek Martindale.

provides a great chance for the younger students to get a step forward ahead of their class, and they only ask for 12 hours a week to obtain internship credit.”

Last year, 84 volunteers through the community helped more than 3,400

taxpayers, bringing more than \$4.5 million back to the northwest Ohio community.

Other students on campus interested in being a volunteer in the program should contact Williams at laura.williams3@utoledo.edu.

In memoriam



Glen

Dr. Mary Louise Glen, Toledo, who taught at UT for more than four decades, died Jan. 6 at age 84. She was a graduate assistant in the College of Education in 1961 and in the Junior College one year later. She received a master of education degree in 1962 from UT and became an instructor in education

and in general studies for a couple years. In 1967, she returned to her alma mater as a professor of social studies in the Community and Technical College. Glen was named chair of the General Studies Department in 1978 and later taught social sciences. In 1999, the professor moved to the Sociology Department, where she also was an undergraduate adviser until 2002. Glen served on Faculty Senate and was a member of the UT Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She received an education specialist degree in 1974 and an education doctorate in 1977 from UT. Memorials are suggested to The University of Toledo Foundation designated for the Dr. Mary Louise Glen Scholarship Fund.



Isaac

George Isaac, Bryan, Ohio, a longtime benefactor of the Medical College of Ohio and former MCO trustee, died Jan. 11 at age 91. A champion of education, Isaac donated more than \$1 million to MCO/Medical University of Toledo for the Isaac Chair in Cancer Research, the George Isaac Scholarship in

Occupational Therapy and the Isaac Presidential Scholarship. In 2006, Isaac gave \$1 million to show support for both the new surgery center and the merger between MUO and The University of Toledo. The institution honored him by naming the facility the George Isaac Minimally Invasive Surgery Center. He served on the MCO Board of Trustees from 1987 to 1996 and was chair from 1991 to 1996, and was a past member of the MUO Foundation Board of Trustees. For his dedication, he received an honorary doctor of humane letters from the Medical College of Ohio and also the college's Distinguished Citizen Award. He was chair of the Isaac Corp., a scrap iron and metal business, and president of Isaac Property

Co., a real estate development company. The Isaac family businesses also included a car dealership, Goodyear Tire franchises and a car leasing company. In addition, he was a past president of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of the Bryan Area Foundation, and past president of Bryan Properties, which developed the Bryan Industrial Park. Over the years, Isaac was recognized for his leadership, generosity and community involvement. He was selected as the Master Entrepreneur of the Year of Northwest Ohio, was named Outstanding Philanthropist by the Northwest Ohio Society of Fundraising Executives, and was a member of the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

Dr. Claudette M. Konzen, Holland, Ohio, died Dec. 30 at age 78. She helped staff the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic on Health Science Campus. She also worked with UT physical medicine and rehabilitation residents.

Dr. Gerald Stark, Toledo, died Jan. 13 at age 88. He assisted with the development of the Surgery Department at MCO, where he served as a volunteer faculty member for several years starting in 1968. In 1999, Stark was named clinical professor emeritus of surgery. He took science classes at UT before going to medical school.

Photography exhibit to shed new light, meaning on artifacts

By Angela Riddel

“Reverence & Irreverence,” an exhibit by photographer and artist Rebecca Zeiss, will be on display from Tuesday, Jan. 20, through Monday, March 2, in the Center for the Visual Arts Clement Gallery on UT’s Toledo Museum of Art Campus.

In the exhibition, Zeiss explores the handling of objects and their assigned or remembered memories.

She spent time with artifacts given to her by family and strangers over time. While lighting and composing the original photographs, Zeiss looked for signs of past stories, possibilities and potential mysteries. She then arrived at and expressed the understanding of the experiences the objects have, or likely had, witnessed.

These perceptions are presented in a variety of formats ranging from ultraviolet images printed on brushed aluminum to handmade, multi-image large format platinum/palladium prints.

Zeiss will give a free, public talk about her work Monday, March 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the Center for the Visual Arts Haigh Auditorium.

A native of Midland, Mich., Zeiss majored in art at Delta College, received a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Michigan and a master of fine arts degree from Central Michigan University.

She is a graphic arts designer for the Clarke Historical Library in Mount Pleasant, Mich., and also teaches photography at the University of Michigan Flint Campus, Delta College and Saginaw State University.

The free, public exhibit can be seen daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Clement Gallery.

For more information about Zeiss, visit zeissworks.com.



“In Search of Forgiveness,” palladium/platinum print, by Rebecca Zeiss

Guest artist’s work brings underworld to light

By Angela Riddel

Jim Jipson’s exhibit titled “Chthonic” will be on display from Thursday, Jan. 22, through Monday, Feb. 23, in the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery on UT’s Toledo Museum of Art Campus.

“Chthonic” is a Greek word meaning subterranean usually referring to Greek gods of the underworld.

Jipson will speak about his work in a free, public lecture Thursday, Jan. 22, at 12:30 p.m. That evening from 6 to 8 p.m., there will be an opening reception for his exhibit.

In addition, Jipson will work with UT students in photography and 3D mixed-media classes.

“Exploring the chthonic underworld, I see a terrestrial darkness toward which I am drawn. Traveling into complete blackness, I realize that I am seeing light. At the center of true blackness is light. After all, blackness is the total absorption of light. As I approach the light, I begin to see the universe; as I travel further, I see the spiritual perception of thought,” Jipson said of his exhibition.

“My work begins with a projector that I have invented that projects images of 3-dimensional objects that move in both repetitive and nonrepetitive ways,” he explained. “I allow my audience to see the actions within the projector so that they think they know what it is that they are about to see. They will not see what they imagine, but they will see what they cannot even imagine: my take on chance and reality.”

Jipson is an artist and professor of visual arts at the University of West Florida. He received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Wayne State University and a master of fine arts degree from Michigan State University.

The free, public exhibit can be seen Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information about the artist, visit jimjipson.com.



These images are from Jim Jipson’s exhibit titled “Chthonic.”

Piano duo to perform, present master class this weekend

When they met, Ning-Wu Du and Helen Sim hit all the right notes. The two pianists married and have been playing concerts around the world.

The duo will visit the University for the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series this weekend.

They will give a recital Sunday, Jan. 25, at 3 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. The program will include selections by Brahms, Rachmaninoff and Gershwin.

On Saturday, Jan. 24, the couple also will present a master class from 10 a.m. to noon in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

Du and Sim took the stage of Carnegie Hall for the first time in 2000. Since then, the talented duo has played for audiences in the United States, China, Italy and Norway.

They are faculty members at the Xinghai Conservatory of Music in Guangzhou, China, where they established the first piano duo curriculum in the country.

For more information on the free, public events, go to the UT Department of Music’s website at utoledo.edu/comm-arts/music.



HARMONIC COUPLE: Helen Sim and Ning-Wu Du will present a recital Sunday, Jan. 25, at UT.

Associate head women's basketball coach named to Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame

By Brian DeBenedictis

Toledo Associate Head Women's Basketball Coach Vicki Hall has been named to the 2015 women's induction class for the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

Hall and nine other individuals will be honored at the 14th annual Women's Awards Banquet Saturday, April 25.

She was named the 1988 Indiana Miss Basketball and received the Gatorade and Naismith National Player of the Year awards after averaging 26.4 points and 11.5 rebounds as a senior at Brebeuf High School. She scored 1,755 points in high school and graduated as Indiana's seventh all-time leading girls' scorer.

Hall then attended the University of Texas and started 112 of 117 career games and recorded 1,831 points and 887 boards. She graduated from Austin as the Longhorns' fifth all-time leading scorer and rebounder, and career leader in three-point field goals made and three-point percentage.

Following a 16-year professional career that included the WNBA and playing in seven countries, Hall is in her sixth season in coaching at a college. Following stints at fellow Mid-American Conference member Miami and then New Mexico, Hall is in her third season as the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at UT.



Hall

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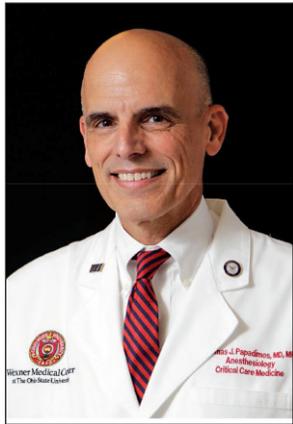
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Tie One On 2015 will take place Saturday, Jan. 24. For information on the event that raises funds for cancer care or to register, visit utoledo.edu/tieoneon.

Ohio State University physician to give talk Jan. 23

By Kevin Bucher

Dr. Thomas Papadimos, professor and vice chair of anesthesiology at Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center, will visit The University of Toledo to discuss predictive modeling and how it can be applied in the health-care industry.



Papadimos

Through the use of neural networks, physicians may be able to accurately predict a patient's physiological parameters one hour into the future, or more. Additionally, such modeling can be

The lecture will take place Friday, Jan. 23, at noon in Health Education Building Room 105 on UT's Health Science Campus.

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the use of neural networks, physicians may be able to accurately predict a patient's physiological parameters one hour into the future, or more. Additionally, such modeling can be

used to measure the neurocognitive load, or stress, that burdens an individual in critical situations, Papadimos said.

"Predictive modeling is the way of the future and it goes hand in hand with patient safety. With continued research and simulations, I believe predictive modeling will be mainstream in five to seven years in the health-care industry," he said.

Papadimos and his team have already received funding from the military to continue their research on this emerging new approach.

"Eventually, our goal is to have this utilized in the state of Ohio and expand from there because it can save lives, save money, and increase patient safety," Papadimos said.

His talk is sponsored by UT Health, the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, the Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center, and the Office of Health Science Affairs.

Healthy New You week two: water

By Samantha Watson

Drinking more water is an easy way to improve your health, which is why it's this week's focus for Rocket Wellness' Healthy New You program at The University of Toledo.

"We have to make sure we're hydrated," said Andrea Masters, assistant director of Rocket Wellness. "It helps brain focus and it helps a lot of our organs function correctly."

To do that, Masters said we should be drinking 64 ounces a day or more depending on your level of activity; if you exercise then you should drink more. She said that getting a good amount of water should be a priority, but it doesn't have to be all that you drink.

"Make sure you drink all the water that you need to before you have a glass of juice or soda. That way you know at least you got your water in," Masters said.

One tip for getting the right amount of water each day is to take a big water bottle with you wherever you go, and make it a goal to fill it up a certain amount of times. There also are free apps that help you track the amount of water you drink.

Masters said it's also important to keep it interesting — you can add flavor to your water with lemons, cucumbers, or other fresh fruit and veggies. Some people prefer to drink sparkling water for the texture, and others find it easier if they drink through a straw.

This week's challenge is a team challenge, and points will be awarded based on the amount of water that a team of four drinks throughout the week. The week to track water intake is Monday through Sunday.

Teams that drink 1,792 ounces or less will get one point per person — 1,792 ounces is the equivalent of 64 ounces per person per day of the week, which is the suggested water intake. Teams with 1,793 to 2,016 ounces get two points per person, 2,017 to 2,240 ounces get three points per person, 2,241 to 2,464 ounces get four points per person, and 2,465 ounces or more get five points per person.

"Accountability and team support is important when you're making any type of change," Masters said.

Don't forget, there is still a chance to earn bonus points by participating in the walking programs held on both campuses. Rocket Walk is held from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in the Student Recreation Center and from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Morse Center.

For more information and to see the weekly video, visit the Rocket Wellness website at utoledo.edu/offices/rocketwellness.

Satellites to hold 43-hour shoe sale

Make tracks to check out the 43-hour shoe sale!

The Satellites Auxiliary's sale will start Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. and run continuously through Friday, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m. in the Four Seasons Bistro Atrium.

Brand names will include Skechers, Merrell, Spira, Dansk, Alegria and Klogs.

Cash, check, credit cards and payroll deduction will be accepted.

Profits will benefit the auxiliary's nursing scholarship.

The Satellites Auxiliary promotes education, research and service programs; provides support of patient programs in accordance with the needs and approval of administration; conducts fundraising events; and offers volunteer services.

For more information on the shoe sale, contact Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites, at lynn.brand@utoledo.edu.



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