

## Gaber named The University of Toledo's 17th president

By Jon Strunk

**H**istory was made at The University of Toledo Thursday as the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to name Dr. Sharon Gaber UT's 17th president.

"The University of Toledo is one of the most important institutions in the region and in Sharon Gaber, we have a president who can provide transformational leadership at a University deeply interwoven in the communities we serve," said Board Chairman Joseph Zerbey.

"Whether the topic is student recruitment and retention, external research funding, improved student graduation rates, or raising philanthropic support, not only does Dr. Gaber have experience, she has achieved incredible results," Zerbey added.

At a news conference following the trustees' vote, Zerbey highlighted Gaber's accomplishments during her tenure as provost of the University of Arkansas, including:

- A nearly 40 percent increase in enrollment at Arkansas, while simultaneously increasing incoming student preparedness and diversity;

- An increase in Arkansas' six-year student graduation rate; and
- A reclassification by the Carnegie Foundation of the University of Arkansas to a Very High Research institution, a reflection of more than \$120 million in external research expenditures in 2014.

"This University and this community need a leader who can elevate The University of Toledo on a national stage and propel this institution to the next level," Zerbey said. "And we have found her."

"I'm excited, honored and incredibly thankful to the Board of Trustees for this opportunity," Gaber said. "I see so much great work already happening at The University of Toledo and so much potential that we can achieve working together. I can't wait to begin."

Zerbey said a timeline for a transition will be established in the coming weeks.

Gaber will be the first woman to serve as UT's president.

The institution's 16th president, Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, led the University for eight



Photo by Daniel Miller

**TOP PICK:** UT Board of Trustees chair Joseph Zerbey presented Dr. Sharon Gaber with a Rockets' jersey last week during the press conference when it was announced she was named the University's 17th president.

years and previously had served as president of the former Medical College of Ohio before the 2006 merger with UT.

Dr. Nagi Naganathan, dean of the UT College of Engineering, has been serving as interim president since July 1.

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## Museum director to discuss visual language at Honors College Distinguished Lecture March 24

**J**ust one look — it's an eyeful everywhere these days.

"We live in a visually saturated world," said Dr. Brian Kennedy, president, director and CEO of the Toledo Museum of Art. "We take in up to 90 percent of our information with our eyes. Did anyone ever train you to use them?"



Kennedy

He will give a talk titled "Do You Speak Visual? Learning Visual Language" as the finale of the 2014-15 UT Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in Doermann Theater.

Tickets for the event are free and available at <http://utole.do/kennedy>.

Kennedy oversees the Toledo Museum of Art's 36-acre campus and its art collections in three architecturally significant buildings. He arrived in the

Glass City in 2010, bringing extensive experience in senior leadership positions after working at art museums in Ireland, Australia and the United States.

He has led the development of a strategic plan for the Toledo Museum of Art that focuses on sustainability through alternative energy sources, building staff capacity, introducing new technologies, and establishing an initiative to promote visual literacy.

The art historian and curator has written seven books, including *Sean Scully: The Art of the Stripe* (2009) and *Frank Stella: Irregular Polygons, 1965-66* (2010).

A native of Dublin, Ireland, Kennedy studied art history and history at University College in Dublin, where he received bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

"We are excited to have such a respected figure in the art world share his thoughts with the UT and Toledo communities on how to enhance our visual language skills," UT Interim Provost John Barrett said.

## Match Day: Medical students to learn residency placements March 20

By Meghan Cunningham

**A**t noon on Friday, March 20, 180 fourth-year medical students at The University of Toledo will open the highly anticipated envelopes revealing where they will serve their residencies.

The 2015 Residency Match Reception will be held in Stranahan Theater's Great Hall. The event will begin at 11 a.m. with the envelope-opening ceremony precisely at noon when all medical students across the country will participate in Match Day.

Students spend months interviewing at residency programs to find the ideal institutions that will best help them perfect their skills in their chosen specialties. The students rank their top choices, and academic and community-based medical centers nationwide rank their top student choices. A computer algorithm administered by the National Resident Matching Program then puts the students and residency programs together.

Depending on the specialty, residencies last three to seven years and have a major impact on the training and lives of medical students. Residents are licensed physicians who care for patients under the supervision of attending physicians and represent the medical workforce of tomorrow.

## Center court



Photo by Daniel Miller

The University of Toledo and the Cleveland Cavaliers partnered to honor cancer survivors with an on-court recognition during the March 3 game against the Boston Celtics.

## Gaber

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“I want to thank Dr. Naganathan for his service as interim president during the last year and for three decades as a teacher of our students, a mentor of our faculty, and as a leader at this University,” Zerbe said.

In addition to her work since 2009 as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas, Gaber serves as an officer on the board of directors for the 366-bed Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville. She also is a corporate board member of the Simmons First National Corp. and is vice chair of the Arkansas Research and Technology Park.

She came to the University of Arkansas, where she also is professor of sociology, from Auburn University, where she served as interim provost.

Prior to that, Gaber served Auburn as senior associate provost and associate provost for academic administration. She began her time at Auburn as associate dean in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction.

Before her time at Auburn, she was a faculty member at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She served as department chair, graduate officer and held the A. Leicester Hyde endowed professorship.

Gaber holds a PhD of city and regional planning from Cornell University, a master of planning from the University of Southern California, and a bachelor's degrees in economics and urban studies from Occidental



Photo by Daniel Miller

**MEETING THE PRESS:** Dr. Sharon Gaber spoke at the news conference Thursday after the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to name her UT's next president.

College. Her research interests are community needs assessment of marginalized populations and planning methods.

She has served on the National Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Governing Board, and was awarded the 2006 State of Alabama Outstanding Professional Planner of the Year and the 2009 Auburn University Women of Distinction Faculty Award.

## UT to name simulation center in honor of Jacobs

*By Aimee Portala*

The University of Toledo is renaming the Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center, a state-of-the-art medical education facility, in honor of its 16th president.

A program and reception formally announcing the naming of the Lloyd A. Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center will be held Thursday, March 19, at 4 p.m. Jacobs' presidential portrait also will be unveiled at the event.

“The University of Toledo continues to push boundaries to better serve our students and the greater Toledo community, and to ensure our graduates are distinctive. The Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center is a fine example of UT's commitment to innovation,” said Dr. Nagi Naganathan, UT interim president. “Dr. Jacobs focused on making sure UT was relevant and on the forefront of innovation.”

The three-story, 65,000-square-foot facility opened in 2014 and includes the introduction of 3D and virtual immersive environments to medical education. It employs a tri-center concept, featuring a virtual immersive reality center on the first floor, an advanced clinical simulation center on the second floor, and a progressive anatomy and surgical skills center on the third floor.

“The Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center reflects today's reality of medicine. Students in differing specialties are learning the importance of interdisciplinary teamwork and collaboration,” said Dr. Christopher Cooper, dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences and senior vice president for

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## Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals to hold oral argument at College of Law March 18

*By Rachel Phipps*

The Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals will hold oral argument at The University of Toledo College of Law Wednesday, March 18, at 9 a.m. in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.

The sessions are open to the public.

The court will hear argument in six cases. Arguments set for the session include a challenge to jury instructions in a criminal case, a sentencing question in a juvenile case, and a case where an employee seeks damages beyond workers' compensation from a co-employee, a third party and her uninsured motorist carrier.

The opportunity for students to observe judges and lawyers in a real court session is an important part of the college's oral advocacy curriculum. First-year law students are required to attend Wednesday's session as part of their lawyering skills curriculum.

“We are very grateful to the judges of the Court of Appeals for holding sessions at the College of Law every year,” said Daniel J. Steinbock, dean of the College of Law. “Students not only get to witness the arguments, but can engage with the judges and advocates in a question period afterward.”

The first session will begin at 9 a.m., and the second session will start at 10:15 a.m.

After adjourning, the court and counsel will hold a brief question-and-answer period.

# Athletic department recognizes Larimer Complex contributors

By Aimee Portala

The University of Toledo Department of Intercollegiate Athletics will name several rooms, offices and areas in the Larimer Athletic Complex to recognize the generosity of Rocket supporters.

“The Department of Athletics is very grateful for the overwhelming generosity of our donors,” said David Nottke, senior associate athletic director for development and external affairs. “We asked for their support with this project, and so many stepped up to make it a reality.”

The UT Board of Trustees approved Feb. 9 the naming of the following areas in the Larimer Athletic Complex in the donors’ honor in recognition of their gifts:

- A player position meeting room for Mike and Teresa Boyle.
- An academic office for Carl and Sue Happ.
- An assistant football coach’s office for James and Nancy Lapp.
- A player position meeting room for Frank Miceli.
- A weight room office for Perstorp Polyols Inc.
- An assistant football coach’s office for H. David White and Dave White Chevrolet.
- The equipment room for Bob and Carol Eberly of Team Sports Inc.
- A physical therapy room, located within the athletic training room, for Alfgreen Supreme.
- An assistant football coach’s office for Dean and Lil-Mar Stroh.
- The main lobby atrium for Dave and Sue Bissonette.
- The wall of champions for George and Corrine Joseph.
- The coaches’ office suite and legends lounge for Ron Vail.
- The second floor reception area for Jim and Barbara Poure.
- The players’ lounge for Al Thigpen.
- The Rocket Academic Center for Roy and Marcia Armes.
- The team meeting room for Fischer Tool and Die Corp.
- The staff conference room for Dick and Jane McQuade.
- An assistant coach’s office and the coaches locker room for Bill and Carol Koester.
- The head football coach’s office for Dr. Tom and Mary Wakefield.
- The defensive linemen’s meeting room will be named in honor of George P. Hotz, a defensive tackle from 1969 to 1971, thanks to the support of Gerry and Candace Seizert and the Seizer Family Foundation.
- A player position meeting room will be named for the 35-0 “Unbeatable Rockets” from 1969 to 1971, thanks to a lead gift from Alfred A. Baker and donations from other members of the team.
- The athletic training room will be named in memory of former head athletic trainer David Huffstetler, thanks to a gift from Dennis and Shelia Johnson in his memory.
- And the entryway onto the football field will be named the Sullivan Walk of Champions to recognize the generosity of Chuck and Jackie Sullivan. The football locker room also will be named in their honor.

There are many others who have contributed gifts for named rooms and offices, as well as others who have given without naming recognition attached to the gift, Nottke said.

## In memoriam

**Lowell I. Hinkle**, Perrysburg, a former UT instructor, died March 1 at age 78.

**Dr. Clayton L. Ziegler**, Waterville, professor emeritus of engineering technology, died Feb. 26 at age 90. After graduating high school in 1942, he studied at UT until joining the Army Air Corps in 1943. After the war, Ziegler returned to the University and received a bachelor’s degree in engineering in 1949 and a bachelor’s degree in education three years later. In 1961, he returned to his alma mater as a lecturer of mathematics and in 1965 became an instructor in engineering technology in the Community and Technical College. Ziegler received a master of business administration degree from the University in 1967 and that year earned certification as a registered professional engineer, scoring the highest grade of all applicants in the state in the industrial engineering exam given by the Ohio board. He rose through the faculty ranks, serving as chair of the Engineering Technology Department from 1975 to 1977 and from 1980 to 1984. While at UT, he helped develop the bachelor of engineering technology two-plus-two program in the College of Engineering. In addition, Ziegler established four two-year programs: industrial engineering technology in 1969, climate control technology in 1975, plastics engineering technology in 1984 and quality engineering technology in 1987. He retired and was granted emeritus status in 1987 and continued to teach one term a year until 1996. Ziegler was a member of the UT Alumni Association and the UT Retirees Association.



Ziegler

## Shooting star



Photo by Daniel Miller

Jay-Ann Bravo-Harriott has been named the Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year. She is the fifth Rocket to earn this honor. The London, England, native averaged 10.2 points, 3.0 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 0.7 steals in 24.3 minutes per game. Bravo-Harriott ranks seventh in the conference in three-point field goals made (1.9), 13th in three-point field goal percentage (.354, 56 of 158) and 21st in scoring. She has scored in double figures on 16 occasions this season, the second-highest total on the team. She drained seven triples and scored a career-high 30 points in the Rockets’ final MAC Tournament game last week.

## Economic development seminar to introduce new UT Press book on topic

A seminar for local leaders interested in economic development will introduce a new book on the topic by Dr. Daniel M. Johnson, University of Toledo president emeritus.

The half-day seminar, *Leading Economic Development: A Seminar for Local Public Officials and Civic Leaders*, will be held Friday, March 27, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel on UT's Health Science Campus. The event is sponsored by the UT Urban Affairs Center and UT Press.

Johnson, who authored the new book *Leading Economic Development: A Toolkit for Public Officials and Civic Leaders* published by UT Press, will be a keynote speaker at the seminar.

Former Ohio Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher also will deliver a keynote address, and the seminar will include a panel discussion featuring Paula Hicks-Hudson, mayor of Toledo; Joe Napoli, general manager of the Toledo Mud Hens; Jeffrey Potter, president of Potter Technologies and host of a radio show on Toledo business; and Dr. Frank Calzonetti, UT vice president for government relations and chief of staff to the president.

Following the seminar, Johnson will host a free reception and book signing from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Faculty Club at the Radisson.

Johnson's book is a primer for how those new to the field, or who want to become more successful, can lead economic development in their communities. Basing his work on the best minds and current scholarship in economic development, Johnson presents concepts in an approachable way that will be helpful to the novice and the seasoned professional.

The book draws on his experience not only as a president of UT where he made economic development part of the University's mission, but also on work he has done throughout his career in Illinois, Virginia, Texas, Alaska and in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Johnson has served in higher education leadership for more than 30 years, during which he fostered collaborations and partnerships between universities, government and industry.

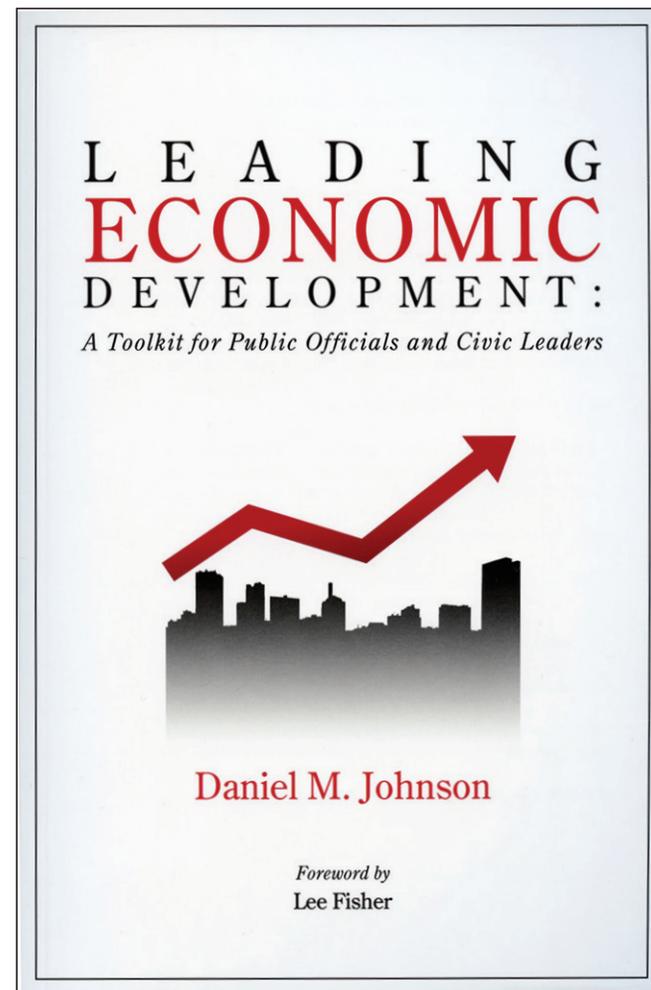
"Dan Johnson reinforces in this book that economic development is much more than financial incentives. It is about connecting your distinctive assets of people, place and opportunity," Fisher said.

The book, which includes a foreword by Fisher, features chapters on economic clusters, globalization, branding, workforce development, the role of universities in economic development, private sector economic development, and future trends in the field.

"President Emeritus Johnson effectively demonstrates in his book the benefits of regional cooperation in promotion of economic growth," U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur said.

For more information, or to register for the seminar, visit [uac.utoledo.edu](http://uac.utoledo.edu) or call 419.530.2170. The cost of the seminar is \$25, which includes a copy of Johnson's book. The deadline to register is Monday, March 23.

Johnson's book is available for purchase on [utoledopress.com](http://utoledopress.com).



## Management professor to receive national health-care executives' award for best published article

By Bob Mackowiak

Dr. Clinton O. Longenecker, Stranahan Professor of Leadership and Organizational Excellence in The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation, and his brother, Dr. Paul D. Longenecker, are the winners of the 2015 Edgar C. Hayhow Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).

They received the award for their research article, "Why Hospital Improvement Efforts Fail: A View From the Front Line," published in the March/April 2014 issue of the *Journal of Healthcare Management*.

The award, to be presented during ACHE's 58th Congress on Healthcare Leadership this week in Chicago, represents breakthrough work in health-care management.

"Working with my brother, Paul, was terrific, as he has more than 30 successful

years of invaluable experience in a wide variety of health-care professions. This allowed us a unique opportunity to combine his talents with my background in leadership and change," Longenecker said.

"This recognition was very rewarding given the changing nature of health care," he continued. "It was great to be recognized for creating some discussion and practices around how to make changes in hospitals and health-care systems more effective and timely, and we have been receiving a lot of feedback on our work since it was published."

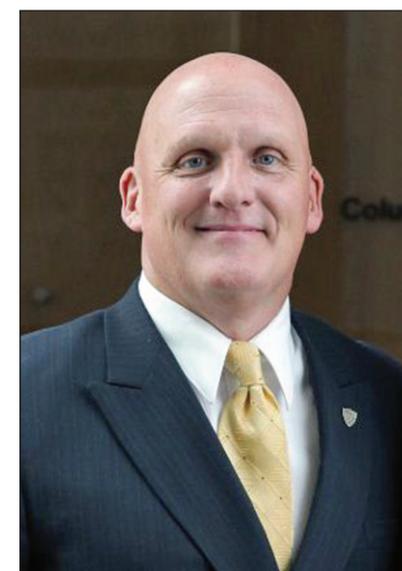
Paul Longenecker is a senior instructor in the Department of Health and Sports Sciences in the School of Professional Studies at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio, and is a graduate of both UT's nursing and MBA programs.

In their research study, the Longeneckers sought to help health-care leaders improve their understanding of the barriers to effective organizational change and improvement from the perspective of frontline leaders. Focus groups were conducted in four community hospitals to explore why hospital change and improvement efforts struggle and are ineffective. Analysis of the focus group data was featured in the article, as well as leadership lessons and recommendations for success based on the findings.

Paul Longenecker said, "Hospitals really need to become better at practicing the fundamentals of effective change and leadership to be able to compete in the new health-care reality."

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 40,000 health-care

executives who lead hospitals, health-care systems and other health-care organizations.



Dr. Clinton Longenecker

## Exhibit spotlights top student artwork

The 2015 Juried Student Exhibition is on display in the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery on UT's Toledo Museum of Art Campus through Wednesday, April 1.

A wide range of media is included in the free, public exhibit.

Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Students with works selected for the juried event are Reem Barakat, Samantha

Bell-Koch, Aaron Brandt, Mike Budyka, Tara Byczynski, Matt Dangler, Kayla Dopfer, Sarah Emch, Nikka Geiermann, Faith Goodman, Katelyn Greenhill, Samantha Heinze, Nicole Hinson, Victor Lewis, Cameron McLeod, Abhishek Mutha, Joseph Okoyomo, Sara Orzechowski, Grace Parr, Brandy Save, Kelsey Telquist, Crystal Terry, Michelle Trivisonno, Janelle Watkins and Mark Yappueying.



"Jerry and Sandra," acrylic, by Grace Parr



"Fragile," acrylic on board, by Samantha Bell-Koch



"Forlorn," bronze, wood and acrylic, by Janelle Watkins

## UT Student Filmmakers Showcase to screen March 21

The University of Toledo Department of Theatre and Film will present a public screening of its students' best work in the 2015 UT Student Filmmakers Showcase Saturday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre.

Chosen in juried competition, entries include film, video and animation projects created as part of the curriculum.

The UT Film and Video Society, a student-run organization, and the UT Department of Theatre and Film are co-hosting the event. The society is providing free concessions during the screening and hosting a free after-party following the showcase.

Door prizes will add to the evening's festivities.

Tickets — \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors 60 and older — are available through the Center for Performing Arts Box Office Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

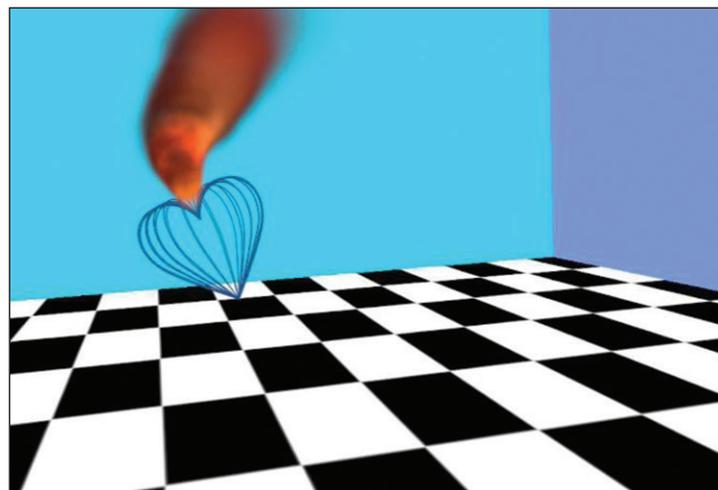
"I'm so pleased to showcase diverse creative work, ideas and techniques that embody the spirits and intellects of our students. Our program improves every year, and the showcase delivers evidence of those

accomplishments to the big screen," Holly Hey, UT associate professor of film, said.

"Our students develop as filmmakers because they are challenged every semester to make festival-ready work," she added. "The scope of the work ranges from traditional narrative to the abstract sensory and experiential. We use a juried entry process so that our students have an actual understanding of professional recognition."

"Ultimately, the purpose of a showcase is to build a stronger sense of community, presenting philosophies only feasible through the collaboration of the film students themselves," Lynne Samman, president of the UT Film and Video Society, said. "Each film will have you inspired, with an itch to create, seeking what defines the definable."

Works to be screened in this year's student showcase were created by James Aponte, Melissa Byrd, Andy Collings, Crista Constantine, Meghan Dietz, Jacob Hannah, Alex Hotchkiss, Marcus Jordan, Shawn Loofbourrow, Tanasio Loudermill, Stephen Mariasy, Lydia Messer, Chelsea Phillips, Clayton Riddel, Cory Vail, David Watson and William Wepler.



### FREEZE FRAMES:

These stills are from William Wepler's "The Next Big Step," top, and Melissa Byrd's "Ring Around the Rosie," which will be shown at the UT Student Filmmakers Showcase Saturday, March 21, in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre.

## Reeling in the years: International Dinner to celebrate past fashions

Members of The University of Toledo International Student Association will wear clothing from the 1950s to 1980s at the 39th Annual International Dinner this weekend.

The event will be held Saturday, March 21, from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m.

UT Interim President Nagi Naganathan will be the guest speaker.

“Dr. Naganathan will give a speech about the importance of inheriting and holding on to your country roots and origins,” said Shagufta Sami, UT graduate student studying computer science and media officer with the International Student Association. “He also will talk about his experiences that inspire all international students at The University of Toledo.”

Some 500 are expected to attend the dinner, which will feature culturally diverse cuisine and performances by UT students.

“This is a huge event for the organization; it is open to everyone. Students from around the world will bring out their culture, food, dance, music and much more,” Sami said. “This night offers dinner, traditional performances and a fashion show from several countries — India, China, the Philippines, United Arab Emirates, Nepal, South Africa, America, Iran and others.”

Tickets — \$10 for students, \$15 for non-students, and \$5 for children 13 and younger — are on sale at Ask Rocky in the Student Union and are going fast, according to Sami. If available, tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information, email [utoledoisa@gmail.com](mailto:utoledoisa@gmail.com) or call Sami at 216.801.6859.

## Electronic recycling drive to be held March 21 on UT's Main Campus

By Cassandra DeYoung

Have old electronics taking up space and collecting dust? Bring them to The University of Toledo's community electronic recycling drive.

The e-waste event will be held Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in parking lot 28, located off East Rocket Drive by the Transportation Center near the Dorr Street entrance to Main Campus.

Electronics that can be recycled at the drive include computers, laptops, printers, cameras, radios, cell phones, electronic games, VCRs, DVD players and power tools.

Televisions will not be accepted because they have a different recycling process, according to Brooke Mason, UT sustainability specialist.

Affinity Information Management, an R2 certified recycler, is collaborating with the University during the drive to ensure all electronics are recycled in an environmentally safe manner and in accordance with Department of Defense standards.



The drive is part of RecycleMania, an eight-week national recycling competition that runs through Saturday, March 28. UT is competing against schools across the United States and Canada to see which can collect the most recycled materials as measured by weight.

The competition and the e-waste event are part of UT's Sustainability, Energy Efficiency and Design Initiative.

For more information, contact Mason at [brooke.mason@utoledo.edu](mailto:brooke.mason@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.1042.

## Recovery advocacy movement event to be held March 21

By Cassandra DeYoung

A two-part movement for recovery advocacy will take place Saturday, March 21, in Health and Human Services Building Room 1711 on The University of Toledo's Main Campus.

“This event is the first of its kind in Toledo,” said Jacob Spellis, event co-facilitator and UT senior majoring in social work. “We want to bring the community together to reduce the stigma of substance abuse recovery.”

The event will be separated into two sections, with part one taking place from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a lunch and discussion, and part two taking place from 1 to 4 p.m.

Part one is open to the public and will feature a screening of “The Anonymous People,” a documentary film about the 23 million Americans living in long-term recovery from substance abuse disorder.

“It's very important that we get the message out there that recovery is possible,

recovery is real, and it does work,” said David Nalls, event co-facilitator and Spring Arbor University business student.

Part two is titled “Recovery Messaging Training” and is open to individuals in recovery. This session will provide tools to help individuals talk about their recovery story as a positive opportunity.

“If I say the word ‘recovery,’ the first thing that comes into someone's mind could be a list of problems, but it should be the opposite,” Nalls said. “There should be a hopeful expectation behind that word; that's the joy of recovery.”

The College of Social Justice and Human Service is hosting the event in collaboration with Ohio Citizen Advocate for Addiction Recovery, an organization dedicated to promoting recovery from substance abuse disorder.

For more information, contact Spellis at [jacob.spellis@rockets.utoledo.edu](mailto:jacob.spellis@rockets.utoledo.edu).



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## RSVP by March 20 for Assessment Appreciation Luncheon and Workshop

By Cathy Zimmer

UT faculty and staff are invited to attend the Second Annual Assessment Luncheon Wednesday, April 1, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ingman Room.

Dr. Marcia Ditmeyer, a national assessment expert, will be the keynote speaker. In addition, this year's Excellence in Assessment winners will be announced.

Following lunch, there will be an assessment workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. in Student Union Room 2582.

"In addition to announcing the Excellence in Assessment winners at our lunch, Dr. Ditmeyer, associate professor emeritus of biomedical sciences at the UNLV School of Dental Medicine, will present her program, '21st-Century Skills Assessment: An Examination of Six Types of Assessment Methods Used to Evaluate Student Performance,'" said Dr. Alana Malik, university assessment director.

"A broad overview of the concepts will be introduced at the lunch, followed by an afternoon workshop for those members of the UT community interested in a more in-depth exploration of the topic," Malik added. "People may join us for the lunch, the workshop or both."

RSVPs are requested by Friday, March 20. To register for the luncheon and/or the workshop, visit [utoledo.edu/aapr/assessment](http://utoledo.edu/aapr/assessment).

Ditmeyer serves as vice president for the Academy for Academic Leadership and is the president of the Nevada Public Health Association.

She holds a PhD in health education, research and measurement from The University of Toledo. She also holds an MBA from Central Michigan University and a master of science degree in health education from California College for Health Sciences. In addition, Ditmeyer is a graduate of the American Dental Education Association Leadership Institute.

Her expertise includes strategic planning, trend analysis for environmental scanning, curriculum development and evaluation, outcomes assessment development and planning, and creation of curriculum mapping models that focus on the desired students' learning and teaching initiatives.

Ditmeyer is published in the areas of oral health and its association with general health, as well as educational research in curriculum design and assessment. She has spoken about faculty development, leadership, assessment and oral health around the world.

The Office of Assessment works with university-level assessment initiatives, including the University Assessment Committee, general education assessment, and collaborations with the University Teaching Center.

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clinical affairs. "Our graduates leave UT better equipped for their careers, due to the elevated amount of experience they receive from the Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center. They are more confident in their abilities, which leads to higher patient confidence and safety."

Jacobs served as UT's president from 2006 to 2014 and oversaw the merger between the Medical College of Ohio and UT. He served as the sixth president of MCO before the merger.

As UT president, he championed access to higher education with tuition freezes in 2007 and 2008, leading Ohio's public institutions to do the same.

His tenure also included a \$200 million investment in campus facilities, including the renovation of Memorial Field House, and the successful completion of "The Time

is Now" capital campaign, which raised more than \$100 million.

"These 10 years have been among the best of my entire professional life," Jacobs said.

Prior to coming to Toledo, Jacobs served as chief operating officer at the University of Michigan Health System and as senior associate dean for clinical affairs at the University of Michigan Medical School.

A native of Holland, Mich., Jacobs is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He earned a bachelor's degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and a doctor of medicine degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. A vascular surgeon, he completed surgery residency training at Johns Hopkins Hospital, the University of California at San Diego Hospital and Wayne State University Hospital in Detroit.

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