

Get tickets to see Apple co-founder speak at UT Feb. 1

By Kim Goodin

Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Inc. and Silicon Valley icon, will come to UT Monday, Feb. 1, to speak as part of UT's Jesup Scott Honors College Lecture Series.

Wozniak and Apple co-founder Steve Jobs revolutionized the computer industry with the Apple I and II personal computers.

These early designs influenced today's Mac computer and innovative products that impact daily living, including the iPhone, iPad, iTunes and AppleTV.

Wozniak will speak at 7 p.m. in Savage Arena. Tickets are free, but some limits on quantities apply.

Because the event will likely be of high interest, John A. Barrett Jr., interim provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, recommends that those planning to attend get their tickets soon.

"We've already moved the event twice, from Doermann Theater to Nitschke Hall

Auditorium, and now from Nitschke to Savage Arena," Barrett said. "We've also distributed 1,000 tickets, and once news of the lecture is announced to the public, we anticipate a flood of requests."

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Graduate student turns her focus to binge-watching TV

By Brandi Barbite

Monita Karmakar, a doctoral student in health education at The University of Toledo, can easily get lost in "her shows."

"My favorites are 'Sherlock' and 'Doctor Who,' but I love to watch 'Lost' over and over again," she said and laughed. "I watch every single episode every

summer. It is what I do during my summer break to unwind and relax."

Her personal interest in binge-watching sparked an interest in studying the effects of hour after hour of television watching,

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Photo by Daniel Miller

TUNING IN: Doctoral student Monita Karmakar is investigating the effects of binge-watching on college students.

Football coach named

By Paul Helgren

Jason Candle, who previously served as UT's associate head coach/offensive coordinator, was named head football coach last week.

Candle replaces Matt Campbell, who resigned Nov. 29 after four seasons as the Rockets' leader to become the head coach at Iowa State University. Candle becomes the 27th head football coach in the 95-year history of Toledo football.

"We are very pleased that Jason Candle has agreed to become the head football coach at The University of Toledo," Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O'Brien said. "Jason has done a terrific job in his seven years with the Rockets, first as our receivers coach, then as our offensive coordinator. During that time, our offenses have been among the best in the Mid-American Conference, and in some cases, the entire country.



Photo by Daniel Miller

Jason Candle, left, shook hands with Mike O'Brien.

"I have also been very impressed with Jason as an individual and as a leader of young men. After careful consideration, I came to the conclusion that he is the best person to lead this program going forward.

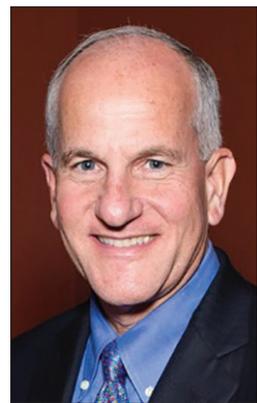
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Beaumont Health System executive steps into interim CFO role at UTMC

By Brandi Barhite

The University of Toledo Medical Center has hired Nickolas Vitale as its interim chief financial officer.



Vitale

Vitale, the former executive vice president and chief financial officer for the Beaumont Health System headquartered in Royal Oak, Mich., will provide guidance and counsel through the affiliation process between ProMedica and UT's College of Medicine and Life Sciences. In addition, Vitale will work closely with UTMC's Finance Officer Ron Goedde to address the medical center's financial plans and reporting.

"This is a great opportunity for me because over the past year, I helped Beaumont through the merger with Oakwood Healthcare and Botsford Hospital, which resulted in the largest health-care system in Michigan," said Vitale, who joined UT Nov. 1. "While

UTMC is not merging with ProMedica, the affiliation agreement between two great organizations is very exciting, and helping with the transition and what that will mean for UTMC in the future is very meaningful to this community."

UTMC CEO Dave Morlock said Vitale brings a wealth of expertise and leadership to the interim position with more than 35 years experience in health-care finance and administration.

"We are fortunate that Nick was available to step into this position and help shape UTMC's financial future," Morlock said. "His health-care background is vast, and he will be able to take UTMC to the next level when it comes to financial reporting."

Before leading Beaumont, Vitale was the vice president of finance and chief financial officer for Bon Secours Cottage Health Services from 2003 to 2005. From 1999 to 2003, he was the executive vice president and chief financial officer for the Detroit Medical Center.

Vitale earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting from Western Michigan University. He earned an MBA in finance from Wayne State University.

UT engages alumni with first Giving Tuesday campaign

By Meghan Cunningham

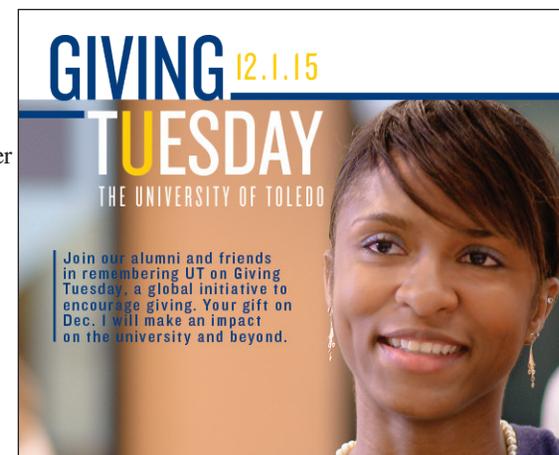
Alumni of The University of Toledo showed their support for their alma mater during UT's first Giving Tuesday campaign.

The day has been designated across the country as an opportunity to give back following the shopping frenzies of Black Friday and Cyber Monday just after the Thanksgiving holiday.

A total of 156 donors gave \$56,083 to support University initiatives, including scholarships, Rocket athletics and individual college programs.

"Giving Tuesday is a day to celebrate philanthropy and the spirit of giving back during the holiday season, which provided a great opportunity to engage our alumni eager to support UT," said Heather Slough, director of annual giving programs. "I look forward to building on this success as an annual outreach to our graduates, but also as an opportunity to connect with our University community and more Rocket supporters."

In its first year, the 156 donors to the campaign included 123 alumni and a dozen first-time donors to UT. Donations of any size make an important impact on the University, Slough said, adding that this campaign included gifts and pledges ranging from \$5 to \$11,000 with an average gift of \$350.



"Heather and her team did a terrific job in the first year of this campaign highlighting the people and programs that benefit from our generous donors and working to galvanize continued support for the University," said Sam McCrimmon, vice president for advancement. "Our current and future students will benefit from the generosity of those who chose to show their Rocket pride for UT on this day of giving."

UT's Giving Tuesday campaign included a strong social media push to share videos and stories of those who are benefiting from donor-supported scholarships and research with the tagline "Mission: Gold, Blue and You" and the hashtag #GiveTOL.

Donors can continue to support UT through utoledo.edu/givetol.

UT appoints interim CFO to serve during national search

An administrator with more than 30 years of higher education finance and accounting experience will serve as The University of Toledo's interim chief financial officer while a national search is conducted for the position.

Lawrence R. Kelley joined UT Nov. 19. He most recently served as senior vice president for administration and finance and chief financial officer of Cal Poly.



Kelley

During his career in higher education administration, Kelley also has served as treasurer and associate vice president at Georgia State University, chief financial officer at the University

of Maine, vice president for business and finance at Kent State University, associate vice president for finance and business affairs and associate treasurer at Miami University, and budget director at the University of Akron.

UT President Sharon L. Gaber announced in October that the University would restart the search process for the position of chief financial officer and executive vice president for finance and administration. Thomas Biggs, who had served as the interim leader, left UT at the end of September, and Dave Morlock, CEO of the UT Medical Center, had resumed his former position as UT's CFO on an interim basis.

The executive vice president for finance and administration oversees the University's offices of Finance, Facilities and Construction, Information Technology, Human Resources and Talent Development, and Public Safety.

UT needs campus input on materials for continued accreditation mid-cycle visit

By Christine Long

The University of Toledo is looking for feedback from faculty, staff and students on materials being prepared for a mid-cycle review with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

The working draft of the assurance argument will be submitted to commission evaluators who will visit campus in April.

Comments and suggestions are due by Friday, Dec. 18.

"Participation is important because it allows the teams working on the self-study to learn of additional evidence to show how well we are meeting all five criteria needed for continued accreditation," Dr. Dorothea Sawicki, vice provost for health science affairs and university accreditation, said. "We want to show the best that UT is doing and planning, and we need your help to gather this evidence."

In 2012, the Higher Learning Commission continued the University's accreditation for 10 years. UT has been accredited by the commission since 1922.

This "stamp of approval" is required for UT to remain eligible to receive federal grants, loans and research funds. Accreditation also ensures students the ability to transfer credits between accredited schools. Plus, some graduate schools only accept students with degrees from accredited schools.

As part of the process, the HLC team is assessing UT's success in meeting key criteria, including mission, integrity, teaching and learning, and resources, planning and institutional effectiveness.

"Five criterion teams wrote these draft documents based on their extensive knowledge of the University," Heather Huntley, university accreditation and program review director, said. "We're looking for others in the University community to read through it and make sure we're providing the best evidence to demonstrate that UT is meeting the HLC criteria."

To review the criterion drafts, go to utoledo.edu/hlc and follow the feedback link to submit comments and suggestions.

UT crowdfunding advocate takes student entrepreneur financing message worldwide

By Christine Long

Kickstarter-type fundraising campaigns on the Internet will look more like venture capital deals for student entrepreneurs when equity crowdfunding for small businesses goes mainstream, according to Scott McIntyre, interim director of the new Office of Student Entrepreneurship and Engagement at The University of Toledo.

“Crowdfunding is going to new levels next year as more people will be allowed to own shares of private companies raising capital,” McIntyre said. “Innovators developing new technology will be able to target small investors as early backers by offering them an equity stake in their business. This is a massive opportunity for entrepreneurs, but even more so for regional and emerging economies.”

McIntyre volunteers as vice president of the Crowdfunding Professional Association, the nonprofit trade group created after passage of the 2012 JOBS Act, and says crowdfunding is on the cusp of a major expansion because in May nonaccredited “everyday people” investors will finally be able to buy shares in startup companies as outlined in Title III of the JOBS Act.

In October, the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted final rules to permit companies to offer and sell securities through crowdfunding portals and provide investors with additional protections.

“Equity crowdfunding promises to convert enormous amounts of social capital into real capital,” McIntyre said. “The current individual crowdfunding campaign contribution averages around \$70. And even at that small amount, crowdfunding revenue — including debt lending — eclipsed venture capital and angel investment last year. This is a global movement with remarkable power.”

McIntyre recently returned from a weeklong trip to Guiyang, China, where he was invited to address the 2015 World Crowdfunding Conference about soliciting small amounts of money from a large pool of people on the Internet and how students creating new technologies could use that to launch companies.

He addressed a crowd of approximately 13,000 people, including leaders of institutions of higher learning, government, and industries from China, Canada, Australia, Israel, Singapore and the United Kingdom.



GOING GLOBAL: Scott McIntyre, left, recently attended and spoke at the 2015 World Crowdfunding Conference in Guiyang, China.

“It’s a massive opportunity for the local economy and beyond,” McIntyre said. “Part of my ambition is to weave crowdfunding into the ecosystem of student entrepreneurship at UT. Without it, where do innovators go for capital without assets or collateral, besides friends, family and savings? There are a lot of gaps, and crowdfunding bridges some [of those].”

McIntyre will travel to India in January to talk about crowdfunding and student entrepreneurship at the International Conference on Crowdfunding at Sri Krishna Arts and Science College in Coimbatore, where 2,000 students, 150 delegates from educational institutions in India, and 20 delegates from abroad are expected to participate.

UT police officer assists with drug prevention program

By Lindsay Mahaney

When offered a new opportunity to help people, a University of Toledo police officer jumped at the chance.



Johnson

UT Police Lt. Tressa Johnson was recruited to the Lucas County Sheriff’s Office Drug Addiction Response Team (DART). The DART program sends specially trained police officers into

hospitals to work with drug addicts to find them appropriate, long-term treatment while diverting them away from the criminal justice system.

When asked her first reaction to her new position, Johnson said: “I was pretty excited because it was different; it’s not what we do in law enforcement at all.”

As a member of UT’s force for 17 years and with her counseling background, Johnson said she believes she’s a good fit for the program.

“As far as law enforcement goes, I believe in my role as a law enforcement officer, but I also have the victim-centered side, too,” Johnson said. “At the same time, as a law enforcement officer, we have the opportunity to help others. The goal of DART is to get the addict into treatment and the sellers and the drugs off the street.”

A UT alumna, she received a master’s degree in counseling in 2004 and became a licensed professional counselor in Ohio two years later.

Johnson’s new role will be to assist the addicts seeking help in the University campus area by getting them to appointments, scheduling follow-ups, and meeting with their counselors and specialists.

“We facilitate them, help them, guide them in their want for change at the time — that’s really what we’re trying to do,” she said.

Johnson also continues her work as an officer on the University’s campus during the school year. And that’s a position she said she loves.

“Law enforcement on a college campus is different than law enforcement in the field in the metropolitan area because we focus on the students,” she said. “Our goal is to educate our students, get to know our students, interact with our students, and our students get to know us. It’s really nice.”

For more information on DART, contact Johnson at tressa.johnson@utoledo.edu.

In memoriam

Wilma G. Furfaro-Cook, Holland, a former nurse at MCO, died Nov. 27 at age 84.

Barbara J. Hill Shaw, Toledo, a former MCO employee, died Nov. 15 at age 71.

Clara E. Patton Sciplin, Toledo, a former UT employee, died Dec. 1 at age 81.

Correction

In the Nov. 16 issue, a web address was incorrect in a story about Dr. Clinton O. Longenecker being one of five business professors from top U.S. business schools featured in the Critical Business Skills for Success Lecture Series produced by The Great Courses. The program is available at TheGreatCourses.com.

Looking for research funding? Apply for I-Corps@Ohio starting Jan. 4

By Christine Long

The University of Toledo's technology transfer team is trumpeting a call for proposals to inventors eager to translate lab research into commercial success.

Leaders of the new I-Corps@Ohio program are on the hunt for 20 teams across the state to participate in the program during summer 2016. The window for submissions will open Monday, Jan. 4.

Each selected team receives \$15,000 and the supervision of business and entrepreneurial mentors to help validate the market potential of university-developed innovations and launch startup companies.

"This program is designed for faculty and students to learn about customer discovery. The team works together to ensure that there is a good product-market fit, which is essential before you establish a new company. Additionally, teams develop a business model canvas and a value proposition for the technology," UT

Associate Vice President of Technology Transfer Stephen Snider said. "This program speeds up a process that normally takes two years."

UT is one of the founders of the I-Corps@Ohio program funded by the Ohio Department of Higher Education and designed to accelerate the commercialization of research being conducted at universities in the state.

"The curriculum allows the teams to focus very, very specifically on the core customer segments that they believe have the need for the technology," I-Corps@Ohio Director Michael Camp said.

I-Corps@Ohio is modeled after a similar program launched by the National Science Foundation that is proven to increase innovation, entrepreneurship and industry collaboration.

The plan is to train a total of 60 teams over three years at universities and colleges

across Ohio in methods to build and test their business models, as well as attract venture funding.

"This is a valuable program for anyone who has developed technology at the University that they would like to commercialize through a startup company," Snider said. "This training program will help innovators grow as entrepreneurs to drive economic development in our community and beyond."

"I want to congratulate our participating universities for taking this first step toward better commercialization of our research," Ohio Department of Higher



Education Chancellor John Carey said. "I look forward to seeing the results of their efforts."

Submissions are due between Jan. 4 and Feb. 7. To learn more about I-Corps@Ohio to apply, visit <http://icorpsohio.org>.

If you would like to discuss the program, contact Snider at stephen.snider@utoledo.edu or 419.530.6225.

Graduate student

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which is made easier because of streaming services such as Netflix and Hulu. Gone are the days of waiting for the next episode.

Karmakar and her UT colleague, Jessica Kruger, are working with collaborators from Montana State University and Utah State University on a project exploring binge-watching habits in college students. The study focuses on the impact that binge-watching has on the physical and mental health of college students.

Karmakar and Kruger have collected the data and are waiting for the Institutional Review Board to approve the sharing of the data among the universities. Soon, they will analyze the trends.

This newest study comes after Karmakar received national attention for her research that linked binge-watching television to higher levels of anxiety, depression and stress.

The findings, which were based on an online survey of 406 adults, revealed that binge-watching is an addictive behavior that can be correlated to a person's mental health.

Karmakar presented this information in November at the American Public Health

Association's annual meeting in Chicago, telling the audience that television and video viewing is a common sedentary behavior — and sedentary behaviors increase the risk for many chronic conditions and depression.

"Those who are depressed are more likely to binge-watch, but are they watching because they are depressed, or is the binge-watching causing depression?" Karmakar said. "This was just an exploratory study, so we are trying to delve deeper into the topic; however, we did find that anxiety and stress were significantly elevated among those who self-identified as binge-watchers."

Karmakar said 35 percent of survey-takers identified as binge-watchers with most defining that as two to five hours of continuous TV viewing.

She believes her current study will be even more telling because college students are known for binge-watching TV.

"I am guilty of it myself," she said. "My research is showing me that I need to cut down on my TV viewing. Everything in moderation is my takeaway lesson."

But what about 'Lost'?

"I will probably watch it this summer," Karmakar said and laughed.

From drones to BattleBots, UT engineering students to show off senior projects Dec. 11

By Christine Long

Building a self-checkout shopping cart, producing biofuels from microscopic algae, renovating the Toledo Zoo's unused, historic pedestrian tunnel, and fashioning water flippers for a double amputee are a few of the projects that will be on display at the UT College of Engineering senior design expo.

The public is invited to take a look at all 50 student projects at the Undergraduate Research and Senior Design Engineering Project Exposition Friday, Dec. 11, from noon to 3 p.m. in Nitschke Hall.

"The senior design expo is a showcase where our students are able to demonstrate how they have been able to successfully synthesize the various topics they learned over their entire academic program to address a certain societal need," Dr. Nagi Naganathan, dean of the College of Engineering, said. "In several instances, they earn additional real-world experiences in problem solving by working with local

area sponsors. Several also have gone on to pursue commercialization of their senior design projects, and that entrepreneurial mindset is exactly what we hope to instill in our students at the College of Engineering."

The College of Engineering sponsors the event to showcase design projects created by graduating seniors from the departments of Bioengineering; Chemical and Environmental Engineering; Civil Engineering; Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Engineering Technology; and Mechanical, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering.

As part of the required senior design capstone project, students create business-consulting units to develop a solution for a client's technical or business challenge. Businesses, industries and federal agencies sponsor these projects.

For more information about the free, public exposition, call 419.530.8014 or email sandra.stewart@utoledo.edu.

Art students to showcase works at holiday exhibition Dec. 12

More than 20 advanced students from The University of Toledo's Concepts in Art, Studio and Theory course will exhibit their work Saturday, Dec. 12, on the sixth floor of the Secor Building, 425 Jefferson Ave.

The free event will feature work from the community of artists who maintain studio space inside the historic Secor Building as well as more than 30 vendors offering handmade goods and crafts for holiday shopping at the marketplace area.

Live music will fill the air as local bands perform throughout the night.

"The students' unique and personal practices explored current and complex issues through a diversity of works ranging from sculpture, photography, design and ceramics. Spanning the mystical, ideological and political, the exhibition is the culmination of each student's investigation into both the practice and theory of their

chosen subject," Brian Carpenter, UT lecturer of art and director of the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery.

The Concepts in Art, Studio and Theory course prepares studio art majors for a bachelor of arts degree through an exploration of what it means to construct a creative and meaningful life as an individual focused on the arts, according to Carpenter.

"The course provides an experiential and creative forum that is bound by theories and practices of contemporary art, inspired by visiting artists, and embedded in the Toledo art community," he said. "It is in this context that emerging artists hone previously acquired skills and knowledge to create self-directed works of art based on concepts, research and class critiques. These works of art are at the center of this exhibition."

For more information, contact Carpenter at brian.carpenter@utoledo.edu.

Ritter Planetarium showing annual holiday program

By Josephine Schreiber

Come hangout with Santa and Rudolph as they learn how to find their way home using constellations in The University of Toledo Ritter Planetarium's annual showing of "Santa's Secret Star."

The holiday program is targeted toward children 4 to 8 years of age.

After Santa finishes his Christmas deliveries, he and his reindeer become lost. Without a compass, he and Rudolph turn to the constellations for help, and the stars lead them to the North Star, which guides them home.

The original show was written in 1988 by Ritter Planetarium Associate Director

Alexander Mak, and it has been updated for the planetarium's new projection system.

"It's one of our more popular shows during the year," Mak said. "It's educational, it's entertaining, and it's seasonally appropriate."

Admission to the program is \$7 for adults; \$5 for children ages 5 and older, senior citizens and UT community members; and free for children 4 and younger.

The program will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. through Dec. 19. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the show.

After Friday night programs, guests may go to one of two of the observatories for sky viewing, weather permitting.



STAR SEARCH: Rudolph with his red nose leads the way in this image from "Santa's Secret Star."

Holiday concerts, art sale coming up

Celebrate the sounds of the season this week.

The UT Jazz Holiday Concert will take place Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. in Doermann Theater.

It will feature performances from all of the UT jazz ensembles, as well as special guests.

The College of Communication and the Arts will hold its Holiday Showcase, an event combining the musical with the theatrical, Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. in Doermann Theater.

The show is scheduled to last about one hour and 15 minutes.

Both events will include an appearance by Santa Claus for photos.

The students of the Art Department will hold a holiday art sale before and after

the Holiday Showcase. They will sell their creations, which include ornaments, pottery, jewelry and cards.

There also will be Art Department T-shirts and tote bags for sale.

Proceeds from the art sale will be used to cover the costs of student travel and scholarships.

Free parking is available in the lots nearest Doermann Theater — area 13 and area 1N. Golf carts will be available to give attendees a lift to the door.

Tickets to either concert are \$10 each and \$5 for students, children and seniors. They can be purchased at the door or in advance through the UT Center for Performing Arts Box Office. Call 419.530.ARTS (2787) or go to utoledo.tix.com.

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Five UT staff members speak at national conference on advising

By Josephine Schreiber

Five University of Toledo staff members were chosen from more than 1,000 proposals to speak at the 39th annual National Academic Advising Association conference held in October in Las Vegas.

The association is the leading organization for academic advising. More than 4,000 attended the conference, where session topics ranged from retention issues and strategies to programming and other aspects of academic advising.

“To have several proposals accepted from The University of Toledo speaks volumes to the high level of knowledge, expertise and commitment we have on campus through academic advising and success coaching,” said Beth Gerasimiak, senior director in the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning. “The University’s student-centered, holistic approach to helping students serves as a model program and reaches across a diverse population of students at UT.”

Fourteen University administrators attended the conference; these included success coaches, academic advisers, assistant directors and assistant provosts.

“I believe that because UT had 14 attendees that we believe in our advisers and the work that they do,” said Emily Creamer, assistant director of engineering transfer programs in the College of Engineering. “The attendance speaks volumes of high-quality services that we as the academic

advisers and academic administrators want to provide to our campus.”

Gerasimiak said strong academic advising programs play a key role in student success, retention and graduation.

UT members who gave presentations were Gerasimiak; Creamer; Melissa Gleckler, senior specialist for prior learning and credit assessment in the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning; Jennifer McDowell Tharpe, academic adviser in the College of Business and Innovation; and Dr. Julie Fischer-Kinney, assistant provost for student success and retention.

Gleckler and Gerasimiak gave a presentation titled “A Model Prior Learning Assessment Program at a State Institution: A Case Study.” They discussed how UT’s Prior Learning Assessment Program is structured and how they integrate best practices established under the Higher Learning Commission and the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, as well as the University’s collaboration with the state of Ohio.

Gleckler said the dean of the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning as well as the senior director for the college both sit on a panel with the Ohio Department of Higher Education that is formulating directives for the Prior Learning Assessment Program statewide.

“A document I provided to our dean to take to one of those meetings ended up serving as the framework that the

state developed for the Prior Learning Assessment Program,” Gleckler said. “So the state model is even going off the UT model.”

McDowell Tharpe delivered a talk titled “From Graduation to Orientation: Helping Upper-Division Students Navigate Their Last Two Years.” Her presentation was an overview of the advising model that is used in the college; she spoke specifically about the services for upper-division students.

“There’s not a lot of research done in this area, so I was looking forward to connecting to peers who are also interested in this topic,” McDowell Tharpe said

Fischer-Kinney teamed up with a peer from the University of Nebraska for a presentation titled “Leveraging Retention Software to Improve the Odds for Student Success.” The presentation focused on both universities positive institutional outcomes for improved student success and retention through the use of Starfish Early Alert and Connect. Both UT and the University of Nebraska were recipients of the 2015 Starfish Shining Star Awards, and both schools were selected to serve as panelists at the 2016 National Academic Advising Association Analytics in Academic Advising Seminar in Arizona next year.

Creamer’s presentation on “Fear and Loathing: Math Requirements and the Adult Student” focused on the research surrounding math anxiety, math placement

testing and math courses, and the challenge that adult students face with math requirements. She also presented strategies for faculty, staff and adult students on how to reduce math anxiety and increase student success.

“When I received notification that I was not only chosen to present at the conference but also was receiving recognition from the National Academic Advising Association on my research on adult students and math anxiety, I was humbled that I was able to share my research and my advising and counseling experience with others who are interested in helping students succeed,” Creamer said.

She said there is limited research on adult and nontraditional students’ needs, and she believes the information from her presentation will help others.

Creamer’s presentation was one of three sponsored by the Advising Adult Learners Commission.

McDowell Tharpe said that having a strong presence at the National Academic Advising Association annual conference shows that the professional academic advisers and staff at UT are passionate about what they do in terms of helping students succeed.

“The fact that we had advisers who not only attended but also presented at the conference shows that academic advisers at UT are always trying to evolve to meet students’ needs,” she said.



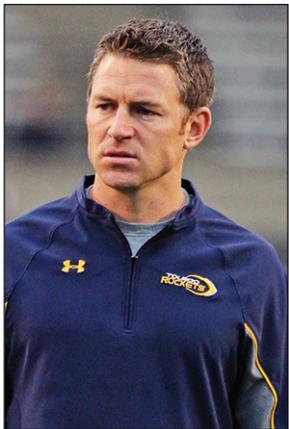
From the heart

UT Women’s Golf Head Coach Nicole Hollingsworth gave the keynote address at the 10th annual Go Red for Women Luncheon last month at Parkway Place. She talked about the symptoms that signaled her heart problem: diarrhea, dizziness, low pulse, fever and vomiting. “I was atypical, which shows that anyone can experience a heart episode. You can’t rule it out just because you are young and in relatively good health,” she said. “I am now in cardiac rehab three times per week and still coaching and doing my job. I feel very fortunate and blessed.”

Photo by Daniel Miller

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Candle

championships in the years to come. Our football program is in capable hands. We are very excited for the future of Rocket football under Jason's guidance."

UT President Sharon L. Gaber echoed O'Brien's enthusiasm for Candle.

"Jason Candle has been a key part of the Rockets' success during his past seven years, and I'm excited for his continued leadership in the years to come," Gaber said. "His commitment to our student-athletes' academic achievement and character development is just as strong as his experience and expertise on the field. Jason is a great choice to take the helm of the Rocket football program."

Candle will get his first chance to coach the Rockets at their upcoming bowl game.

"I'm very excited to have the opportunity to be the head football coach at The University of Toledo," Candle said. "A lot of great coaches have walked through these doors. A lot of players and coaches have built the outstanding tradition of success at Toledo, so I'm very honored and humbled to lead this program."

"I'd like to express my gratitude to President Sharon Gaber and to Athletic Director Mike O'Brien for this wonderful opportunity. I'd also like to thank Matt Campbell, the coaching staff, and, most of all, the young men that I've had the privilege to coach on this team and teams in the past. I certainly would not be here if it were not for their commitment and dedication to Rocket football. And finally, I'd like to thank my family for their love and support that helped make a day like this possible."

Candle, 36, has been on the Rocket staff since 2009, when he was hired by former UT head coach Tim Beckman to coach the receivers. Candle was named the team's offensive coordinator in 2012 shortly after Campbell assumed the head coaching position. Candle became associate head coach in 2014.

Under Candle's guidance, the Toledo offense has been prolific. This season, the Rockets are 9-2 and rank second in the Mid-

His hiring brings us consistency as we look forward to a bowl game later this month, and also going forward as we compete for MAC

American Conference in scoring offense (35.3) and third in total offense (463.3 yards per game). In 2014, UT led the MAC in just about every major offensive category, including scoring offense (36.6), total offense (490.5) and rushing offense (256.4). The season culminated with a nine-touchdown outburst in a 63-44 victory over Arkansas in the GoDaddy Bowl for the 9-4 Rockets.

Six Rockets earned All-MAC recognition in 2014, with senior center Greg Mancz snagging second-team All-America honors and the Vern Smith Leadership Award, which is given annually to the top player in the MAC. Sophomore running back Kareem Hunt ranked 10th in the nation in rushing (1,631 yards) and second in yards per carry (7.96). Candle also skillfully guided the Rocket quarterbacks through a challenging season in which the top three signal-callers were all injured at the same time.

As the receivers coach from 2009 to 2011, Candle mentored one of the most decorated receivers in Rocket history, Eric Page. Page caught 306 passes in his career, the most ever by a Division I-Bowl Championship Series receiver in three seasons. A three-time All-MAC player, Page broke virtually every UT receiving record and tied the MAC record for career receptions.

In 2011, the Rockets went 9-4 and won their first bowl game in six years, a 42-41 victory over Air Force in the Military Bowl. Sophomore wide receiver Bernard Reedy caught three touchdown passes and was named the game's MVP. Page caught a school-record 125 passes for the season and once again earned first-team All-MAC honors.

Candle has earned some national accolades of his own. In 2010, he was named one of the top recruiters in the nation by Rivals.com. He was one of only nine coaches in the country from non-automatic Bowl Championship Series qualifying conferences to be named to the list and the only coach from the MAC. Candle also was named the Mid-American Conference "Recruiter of the Year" by Scout.com in both 2011 and 2012. Toledo's 2011 recruiting class was ranked No. 1 in the MAC by both Scout.com and Rivals.com.

He joined the UT staff in 2009 after spending both his playing and coaching career under head coach Larry Kehres at the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio. In Candle's six years as an assistant at Mount Union, the Purple Raiders went 83-4 and won NCAA Division III national championships in 2005, 2006 and 2008. The 2003 and 2007 teams lost in the national championship game.

New Affordable Care Act forms required for completing 2016 tax returns

Each year as tax season rolls around, University of Toledo employees receive a W-2 from UT to use as they file their tax returns. January will mark the beginning of a new, additional form large employers will provide employees for their tax returns as a new federal requirement of the Affordable Care Act.

The form — a 1095-C — confirms to the Internal Revenue Service that employees and their family members had qualifying health coverage during the year and will be needed as Americans fill out their federal tax returns. (The Affordable Care Act assesses penalties for those who choose not to purchase health insurance.)

The 1095-C form will be distributed to full-time employees who had coverage at UT for at least one month during 2015. Part-time employees who do not receive health insurance will not receive a 1095-C.

"To be clear, this is not a University of Toledo change; it is a change for all employers in the country who offer health insurance as required by the Affordable Care Act," said Jovita Thomas-Williams, vice president and chief human resources officer. "But as this will be new to all employees, we want to be sure we are communicating early and clearly about the change."

Thomas-Williams said the change could be boiled down into three easy messages:

- What to expect — You will receive Form 1095-C for the first time in January.
- Why you should care — You will need information on the form to prepare your 2015 taxes.
- Be on the lookout — Watch for the form in your mail in January.

She added that UT Human Resources and Talent Development will continue to spread the word about the 1095-C form both before and after it is distributed to employees.

There are several versions of the form: Companies with fewer than 50 employees have slightly different requirements and will distribute a 1095-B to their employees. Other Americans who buy health care directly through the marketplace exchanges established by the Affordable Care Act will receive a 1095-A.

"Even if your spouse or friends have a different form, the 1095-C form is the one you will receive from The University of Toledo," Thomas-Williams said.

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