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University schedules events for Diversity Month

By Vicki L. Kroll

The spotlight will shine even brighter on diversity during April at The University of Toledo.

"It is amazing that April has been designated as Diversity Month at The University of Toledo by President Sharon L. Gaber," Henderson Hill, assistant dean of multicultural student success, said. "It is even more important to continuously recognize diversity because it allows us to develop an ongoing inclusive community on our campus through dialogues, cultural events and overall support of differences. This, in turn, poises the institution to be even more progressive in improving the human condition."

"Diversity at The University of Toledo has been an area of emphasis this year," Gaber said. "I hope each of us will spend time during Diversity Month asking ourselves what more we can do to ensure basic values such as dignity and inclusion are reflected across UT campuses."

To kick off Diversity Month, Gaber will give an address Monday, April 4, at noon in the Student Union Trimble Lounge.

"The University of Toledo offers more than a great place to educate yourself. It offers a place to *be yourself*," she said. "At UT, we value all people — regardless of

their cultural background, beliefs, ethnicity, gender or sexual identity — because this rich diversity enables us all to excel."

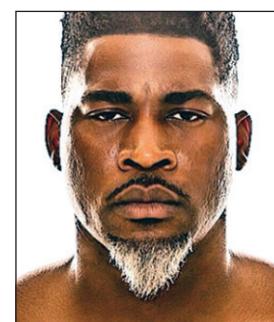
"Diversity Week, which is the first week of Diversity Month, is meant to celebrate and embrace the high amount of diversity at The University of Toledo and our surrounding communities," Shaileen Shah, diversity chair of the President's Council on Diversity and Student Government, said. "Many think of diversity as just ethnicity; we are trying to expand

those beliefs to embody all types of diversity. We hope to see many students, faculty and staff at all of our events."

Rapper, record pro-

ducer, actor and activist David Banner will give the keynote address Wednesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. A question-and-answer session will take place after the talk, and Banner is scheduled to sign autographs and take photos.

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Banner

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World-renowned polar explorer to speak at UT April 5

By Ashley Gearheart

Ann Bancroft's extraordinary life has consisted of many firsts: first woman to cross the ice to both the North and South Poles, leader of the first group of women to cross Greenland, and first woman to sail and ski across Antarctica's landmass alongside fellow polar explorer Liv Arnesen.

The author, educator, philanthropist and pre-eminent polar explorer will be at the University to share her story Tuesday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in the Doermann Theater.

"We choose speakers that we hope will engage, challenge and provoke the audience," said Interim Provost John Barrett. "Ann Bancroft will do just that. She went out and chased her dreams, and because of that she has a very inspirational story to tell."

Not only has Bancroft achieved many polar exploration firsts, but she also has inspired girls and women around the world to do the same. In 1991, she founded the Ann Bancroft Foundation, which provides grants, mentoring and encouragement to girls ages 5 to 18 to help them reach their biggest aspirations.

For her achievements, Bancroft has received numerous awards and recognition, including induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1995.

Tickets to the lecture are free and can be obtained at utoledo.edu/honorslecture.

For more information about Bancroft and her latest expeditions, visit yourexpedition.com.



Bancroft

UT and TPS announce collaboration to help high school students earn associate degrees

By Meghan Cunningham

A collaboration between The University of Toledo and Toledo Public Schools will allow students to graduate with both their high school diploma and an associate's degree.

Through the College Credit Plus program, students are able to enroll in the academic tracks that will apply to UT's associate of arts degree in general studies,

enabling them to earn that college degree upon high school graduation.

"UT is excited to expand this partnership with TPS to make a college education more accessible and convenient for students. Not only will these students be able to accomplish their goals of earning college credits early, but also have a degree in hand, further positioning them well for

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UT professor wins YWCA Milestones Award

By Ashley Gearheart

The YWCA of Northwest Ohio recognized University of Toledo Professor of Social Work Celia Williamson during its 21st annual YWCA Milestones: A Tribute to Women March 10.

Awards were given to local women in seven categories: arts, sciences, volunteerism, education, business, government and social services. Each recipient has reached significant milestones in her field, demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities, and empowered other women to reach their full potential.

Williamson, who has devoted years of her time to fight human trafficking and other social injustices, was the recipient of the social services category award.

In 1993, Williamson founded Second Chance in Lucas County, the first program of its kind in Ohio that works with women

and children who have been victims of prostitution and human trafficking.

In addition to her work with the Second Chance program, Williamson serves as director of the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute at The University of Toledo. Opening in April 2015, the institute was created to respond to human trafficking by teaching, research and service.

Williamson fit criteria for selection for the YWCA Milestones Award: strong leadership, exemplary achievements on campus and in the community, and living a life aligned with the YWCA mission.

"It is a great honor to receive such a prestigious award from the YWCA whose mission is to eliminate racism and empower women," Williamson said.



Photo by Daniel Miller

HONORED: Dr. Celia Williamson spoke at the YWCA Milestones: A Tribute to Women, where she was recognized in the social services category for her efforts to fight human trafficking.

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success," UT President Sharon L. Gaber said.

"Our mission is to produce competitive college and career-ready graduates through a rigorous curriculum ... and this new collaboration will allow many students to get a jump-start on their future by earning college credits while still in high school," TPS Superintendent Romules Durant said.

The statewide College Credit Plus program gives college-bound seventh-through 12th-grade students the opportunity to earn high school credit and college credit simultaneously at any Ohio public college or university.

The University also is helping to train high school teachers to teach the college courses right in their own classrooms to make it even more accessible for students to participate in the College Credit Plus program.

Dr. Rebecca Schneider, professor and chair of the UT Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the Judith Herb College of Education, recently received two state grants to develop programs and pay for high school teachers to earn the needed qualifications.

UT is one of 19 applicants chosen to receive a portion of \$10 million in new grant funding allocated by the Ohio General Assembly as part of the Straight A Fund. UT received a total of \$769,000 in grants from the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Higher Education. The grants will fund tuition for a master's degree for up to 40 teachers to be able to teach at the college level.

"The program gives students the advantage of starting the transition to college early, while reducing the cost



Photo by Daniel Miller

EMPOWERING PARTNERSHIP: Toledo Public Schools Superintendent Romules Durant spoke at a press conference last week along with, from left, TPS and UT student Taylor O'Toole, UT President Sharon L. Gaber and Professor Rebecca Schneider. The four announced a collaboration between UT and TPS that will allow more high school students like O'Toole take college classes.

and length of time to receive a bachelor's degree," Schneider said. "By credentialing dozens of high school teachers in our area to teach college courses, we are expanding higher education opportunities for more children."

A total of 911 students enrolled in the College Credit Plus at UT in fall 2015. Of those, 401 are TPS students.

UT gives back to community through Big Event

By Samantha Watson

Nearly 1,700 students, faculty and staff from The University of Toledo spent March 19 giving back to the community.

The volunteers spent most of the day raking, painting, picking up garbage, washing windows, and so much more at area residences, nursing homes, parks and even on campus.

This annual program, which is the largest annual single-day community service event completed by UT students in the Toledo area, is an effort to say thanks and give back to the community, which supports the University so much.

"It makes the University more visible in the community," said Anthony Strother, an operations and supply chain management student and director of this year's event. "We're already so close with the community, and many local businesses employ our students. This shows that we're willing to give back in any way we can."



GET GROWING: Alpha Xi Delta and Pi Kappa Alpha, a social sorority and fraternity, cleaned up a local garden at this year's Big Event.

The collective efforts of the UT students, as well as the faculty and staff who participated this year for the first time, totaled more than 6,400 hours of service.

"Big Event was a really great way to get involved with the Toledo community outside campus," said Ashley Gearheart, a sophomore communication student, who participated this year with her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega. "Picking up trash downtown initially didn't sound like a very fun way to spend our Saturday morning, but I think we all left with a sense of accomplishment and felt good about our positive contribution to the city."

The volunteers shared their experience on social media with the hashtags #UTBE and #ServiceSaturday on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

For additional stories and photos from the day, follow the Big Event on Twitter at @UToledoBIGEvent.

On a mission



Photos by Daniel Miller



Dr. Lawrence V. Conway, UT professor emeritus of finance, above left, and UT President Sharon L. Gaber flanked this year's inductees to the UT College of Medicine and Life Science's Medical Mission Hall of Fame, from left, Dr. Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, Dr. Oheneba Boachie-Adjei and Dr. Richard Sacra. Also recognized at the March 19 event were Dr. Pamela J. Oatis, left, who was honored with the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences Alumni Community Award, and Dr. Daniel M. Johnson, UT president emeritus, who received the Lawrence V. Conway Distinguished Lifetime Service Award. Conway founded the Medical Mission Hall of Fame in 2004 to honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to advancing the medical well-being of people around the world. In 2006, the Medical Mission Hall of Fame became affiliated with the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences. The hall of fame can be seen in the lobby of the Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center.

In memoriam

Dr. Edward C. Kennedy III, Gibsonburg, Ohio, a former faculty member in the College of Education, died Feb. 16 at age 69.

Sharon Lee (Cichy) Pitney, Maumee, a former UT employee, died March 17 at age 71.

Correction

The number of toys the Emergency Department gave to the UT Medical Center Stuffed Animal Donation Drive was incorrect in a photo caption last week. Members of the Emergency Department gave 89 of the 264 stuffed animals collected.

NASA engineer to discuss deep space flight to asteroid, dwarf planet at March 30 and 31 talks

By Vicki L. Kroll

Dr. Gregory Whiffen, principal engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, will visit UT to share the math and physics behind Dawn's 6.3-billion-kilometer journey to the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

In 2007, the United States launched the deep space robotic mission propelled by ion engines. Known as Dawn, the spacecraft orbited a giant asteroid called Vesta in 2011 and now is circling the dwarf planet Ceres.

Scientists are studying Vesta and Ceres, which both formed about 4.5 billion years ago, to learn about the early solar system.

"In terms of net propulsive capability, the Dawn spacecraft is by far the most capable space vehicle ever launched," Whiffen said.

In fact, earlier this month, the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory's team behind the Dawn mission received the National Aeronautic Association's Robert J. Collier Trophy, which is given annually in

recognition of the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America.

On Wednesday, March 30, Whiffen will give a talk titled "The Dawn Discovery Mission to Vesta and Ceres" at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2100.

"I will briefly introduce the physics of ion propulsion and how this technology can greatly expand our exploration capability in our solar system and beyond," Whiffen said.

He also will talk about Dawn's physical perils in orbit around Vesta, as well as share some of the spacecraft's discoveries and possible future directions for the mission.

On Thursday, March 31, Whiffen will give a talk titled "The Dawn Discovery Mission to Vesta and Ceres: Optimal Control of Spaceflight" at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2100.

"The general problem of deep space trajectory design for ion-propelled spacecraft results in an elegant, but very difficult mathematical problem," he said.

"Optimal control theory has been and is continuing to be used to guide Dawn through all of its maneuvers both in deep space and during close proximity operations around Vesta and Ceres."

Bellman's principle of optimality will be outlined at the lecture.

Dr. Ivie Stein Jr., UT associate professor of mathematics, said, "It will be exciting to hear from a principal engineer who uses optimal control theory in mathematics to plan trajectories to the outer planets."

Both free, public events are sponsored by Delta X, the Office of Student Involvement, Pi Mu Epsilon National Mathematics Honor Society at the University, the Mathematics and Statistics Department, and the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

For more information on Whiffen's talks, contact Stein at ivie.stein@utoledo.edu or 419.530.2994.



Whiffen

U.S. Supreme Court decisions on campaign finance reform topic of April 4 lecture

By Kirsten M. Winek

John O. McGinnis, the George C. Dix Professor in Constitutional Law at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law, will present "Why Citizens United and Other Roberts Court Campaign Finance Decisions Are Right" Monday, April 4, at noon in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.

The free, public lecture is a part of the Stranahan National Issues Forum and is sponsored by the UT College of Law and its chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies. Food and drink will be provided.

No issue has generated more unyielding divisions on the Roberts Supreme Court and in American society than the court's decisions about political campaign regulation, most famously in *Citizens United v. FEC* (2010). The court's majority believes that campaign finance regulations should be analyzed under general free speech principles established in other contexts. The dissents seek to decide campaign finance regulation issues by

considerations unique to campaign finance regulation.

McGinnis will show that the majority's approach is correct, because the First Amendment reflects a distrust of government and thus requires judicial constraint, which adherence to general First Amendment principles provides.

"Campaign finance regulation is perennially front-page news," said Lee J. Strang, the John W. Stoeppler Professor of Law and Values at the UT College of Law. "Professor McGinnis will argue that, contrary to frequent claims, the Roberts Court is neutrally following the First Amendment in its campaign regulation cases, including in *Citizens United*. McGinnis' lecture is sure to spark thought and conversation on this important topic."

McGinnis is the prolific author of more than 70 law review articles and dozens of essays. Most recently, he wrote *Accelerating Democracy: Transforming Government Through Technology* (Princeton 2013) and

co-authored with M. Rappaport *Originalism and the Good Constitution* (Harvard 2013). He is a past winner of the Paul Bator Award given by the Federalist Society to an outstanding academic under 40.

Prior to teaching, McGinnis was deputy assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Counsel at the Department of Justice. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and holds a master of arts degree in philosophy and theology from Balliol College, Oxford.

The Stranahan National Issues Forum is a joint program of the UT College of Law and its chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies. It is made possible by an endowment from the Stranahan Foundation. The forum's purpose is to address issues of national importance through the lens of the American legal system, and McGinnis joins a long list of high-profile speakers who have delivered the Stranahan Lecture at the UT College of Law.



McGinnis

Research paper on pastureland co-written by associate professor receiving lots of press

By Ashley Gearheart

A paper co-written by Dr. Michael Weintraub of The University of Toledo Environmental Sciences Department is being promoted by the American Society of Agronomy, the Crop Science Society of America, and the Soil Science Society of America.

The paper, "Seasonal Effects Stronger Than Three-Year Climate Manipulation on Grassland Soil Microbial Community," discusses research by Lindsey Slaughter of the University of Kentucky that occurred in 2011 on pastureland in the Bluegrass State.

The project set out to discover what effects increasing temperature and precipitation could have on pasturelands, a topic that has received little research attention in the past, but is increasingly important in light of changes in temperature and rain and snow fall.

"Pastures are a major type of agricultural land use, but virtually nothing is known about how they will be affected by predicted changes in precipitation and temperature with climate change," Weintraub, UT associate professor of soil ecology, said.

Slaughter, the lead author of the paper, completed this project for her master of science thesis research at the

University of Kentucky. She connected with Weintraub, an expert on the soil microbial analyses required for her project, with the help of her adviser.

Weintraub provided guidance on sample and data interpretation for the project and hosted Slaughter in his lab at The University of Toledo, where a significant portion of the samples were analyzed, he said.

With regard to predicted warmer and wetter conditions in the region of Kentucky that was studied, Weintraub said, "We may see changes in plant species composition, but our results suggest the impacts to the critical ecosystem services provided by microbes, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling, may be relatively small, especially if precipitation increases."

Still, he reiterated lead author Slaughter's belief that this topic is one in need of a long-term study both in Kentucky and other locations, since there were some changes detected.

Considering the initial paper generated stories in Science Daily and publications in 13 states, Weintraub is looking forward to working with Slaughter to conduct more research and continues to collaborate with her graduate adviser, Dr. Rebecca

McCulley at the University of Kentucky.

"Because of the economic importance of pasturelands, where horses and livestock animals often graze for much of their lives, we need to understand how the ecological processes that support these animals, such as plant growth and decomposition, will be affected by changes in the environment," Weintraub said. "Our research suggests that plant growth, in particular, is likely to change with changes in temperature and precipitation. However, more research is needed because we do not yet have a clear enough understanding of how pasturelands will be affected by climate changes to be able to predict the impacts to farmers."

Weintraub has taught and conducted research at The University of Toledo since 2006.

A summary of the paper is available at <http://utole.edu/pasturelandresearch>.

For more information, contact Weintraub at michael.weintraub@utoledo.edu.



DOWN TO EARTH: Dr. Michael Weintraub, shown here near the Toolik Field Station in Alaska where he conducts research, has received a lot of press on a paper on pastures that he co-wrote with Lindsey Slaughter of the University of Kentucky.

Faculty member recognized by National Education Finance Association

By Ashley Gearheart

Each year, the National Education Finance Association presents the Distinguished Fellow of Research and Practice Award to higher education-affiliated professionals doing extraordinary work in the field of public education finance.

This lifetime award, which is regarded as one of the highest in the public education finance field, was presented to Dr. Randall Vesely, UT assistant professor of educational administration and supervision in the Judith Herb College of Education.

Vesely's research is focused on state education funding systems and how they can decrease inequality for students at risk of academic failure.

"I seek to advance social justice for all students by adding to our current body of knowledge in the area of school finance, more specifically how at-risk factors, cultural diversity, socioeconomic conditions and individual differences influence the opportunities of all individuals to learn and contribute to their full potential," Vesely said.

The Distinguished Fellow of Research and Practice Award was presented by Dr. Craig Wood, University of Florida professor and president of the National Education Finance Association, Feb. 12 during the annual conference in Jacksonville, Fla.

"I feel honored to be recognized by a committee of distinguished fellows from around the country, and pleased that I can represent my institution in a positive way," Vesely said. "I am grateful to Dr. Faith Crampton, my doctoral professor at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, and UT College of Education faculty and administrators Dr. Sekhar Pindiprolu, Dr. Virginia Keil, Dr. Penny Poplin Gosetti and Dr. Ed Janak for their mentoring and support. They have been very influential in my professional growth."

Vesely has been with The University of Toledo for five years.

He also serves on the editorial advisory boards of the Journal of Education Finance and the Journal of Educational Considerations.



CONGRATULATIONS: Dr. Randall Vesely, UT assistant professor of educational administration and supervision, right, received the Distinguished Fellow of Research and Practice Award last month from Dr. Craig Wood, University of Florida professor and president of the National Education Finance Association.



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"Having David Banner here on our campus in Toledo is huge, not just for the University, but the city as a whole," Lance Price, president of the Black Student Union, said. "His voice carries a lot of weight, so the excitement is crazy. People need to hear his message no matter where you came from."

Born in Jackson, Miss., Lavell Crump chose the name of the lead character in the TV show "The Incredible Hulk" as his stage moniker. Since his 2000 debut disc, *Them Firewater Boyz, Vol. 1*, Banner has been a force in the music world. He has worked with T.I., Akon, Lil Wayne, Snoop Dogg and Chris Brown. His CDs include *Mississippi: The Album*, *MTAs: Baptized in Dirty Water*, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, and *Sex, Drugs & Video Games*.

As an actor, he has appeared in several movies, including "Black Snake Moan," "This Christmas," "Stomp the Yard 2: Homecoming," "The Butler" and "Ride Along." And in 2006, Banner received a Visionary Award from the National Black Caucus for his work after Hurricane Katrina.

Diversity Month is hosted by the Office of the President, the Division of Student Affairs, Student Government and the Ad-Hoc Diversity Plan Advisory Board in collaboration with Student Government's Diversity Week.

Listed by date, other events slated are:

- **Friday, April 1** — Shabbat Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Toledo Hillel House, 2012 Brookdale Drive, Toledo.
- **Saturday, April 2** — "Rhythm of Africa," 7 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Tickets: \$10 in advance at the Ask Rocky counter in the Student Union; \$15 at the door. See story on p. 8.
- **Monday through Friday, April 4-8** — "Share Your World," 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union Trimble Lounge.
- **Tuesday, April 5** — Brown-bag seminar hosted by Darci Ault, UT education and outreach coordinator at the Center for Successful Aging, noon, Health and Human Services Building Room 1100.
— "Rock in the Red Zone," 7 p.m., Hillel House.
- **Wednesday, April 6** — "Diversity in Politics," noon, Student Union Trimble Lounge, and 7:30 p.m., Driscoll Alumni Center Auditorium.
— Culture Building Institute: Measuring Diversity, 1 p.m., Rocket Hall Room 1530. Sign up by emailing rosa.githiora@utoledo.edu.
- Etiquette dinner, 6 p.m., Student Union Auditorium.
- **Thursday, April 7** — Dr. Jim Ferris, the Ability Center of Greater Toledo Endowed Chair in Disability Studies, UT professor of disability studies and director of the Disability Studies Program, will host a discussion on "Against Awareness: Disability, Sexuality and the Problem of Protection" at 12:30 p.m. in University Hall Room 4180.
- After-School Service-Learning Project: A Multifaith Experience, 3:45 p.m., meet at Student Union Bus Loop.
- The Annual Imam Khattab Lecture on Islamic Thought, "Is ISIS Islamic?" by Dr. Ovamir Anjum, UT Imam Khattab Endowed Chair of Islamic Studies, 7 p.m., Driscoll Alumni Center Room 1019.
- Spectrum Drag Show, 7 p.m., Rocky's Attic.
- **Friday, April 8** — "The Bridge," 3:30 p.m., Horton International House Dining Area. UT students Luke Zastrow and Lauren Banks will talk about the sandwich-making program they started to help feed the homeless.
- **Saturday, April 9** — International Student Association Dinner, 6 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door; table of eight is \$100, and children 4 and younger are free. Purchase tickets at Ask Rocky in the Student Union.
- **Wednesday, April 13** — Holi Toledo, UT's third annual celebration of the Indian holiday Holi, 3 p.m., field south of the Memorial Field House.
- **Thursday, April 14** — After-School Service-Learning Project: A Multifaith Experience, 3:45 p.m., meet at Student Union Bus Loop.
- **Friday, April 15** — Diversity Training, 1 p.m., Student Union Room 2591.
— Safe Place Training, 2 p.m., Student Union Room 2591.
— Shabbat Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Toledo Hillel House.

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- **Saturday, April 16** — Toledo Sister Cities International Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Admission: \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Info: 419.245.3334.
- **Tuesday, April 19** — Film screening, "He Named Me Malala," 6 p.m., Student Union Ingman Room.
— Passover Cookie Class, 7 p.m., Hillel House.
- **Wednesday, April 20** — Jewish Jeopardy, 11 a.m., Hillel House.
— Culture Building Institute: Ending Ableism, 1 p.m., Rocket Hall Room 1530. Sign up by emailing rosa.githiora@utoledo.edu.
- **Friday, April 22** — Culture Building Institute: Religious Diversity 101, 1 p.m., Tucker Hall Room 0152. Sign up by emailing rosa.githiora@utoledo.edu.
- **Monday, April 25** — Spectrum's Diversity Ball, 7 p.m., Student Union Ingman Room.
- **Thursday, April 28** — President's Ad-Hoc Group on Diversity will host "A Celebration of Diversity," noon to 2 p.m., Student Union Room 2592.

For more information on these events, go to utoledo.edu/diversity/diversity-month or call the UT Office of Multicultural Student Success at 419.530.2261.

Students to pay tribute to African heritage

By Lindsay Mahaney

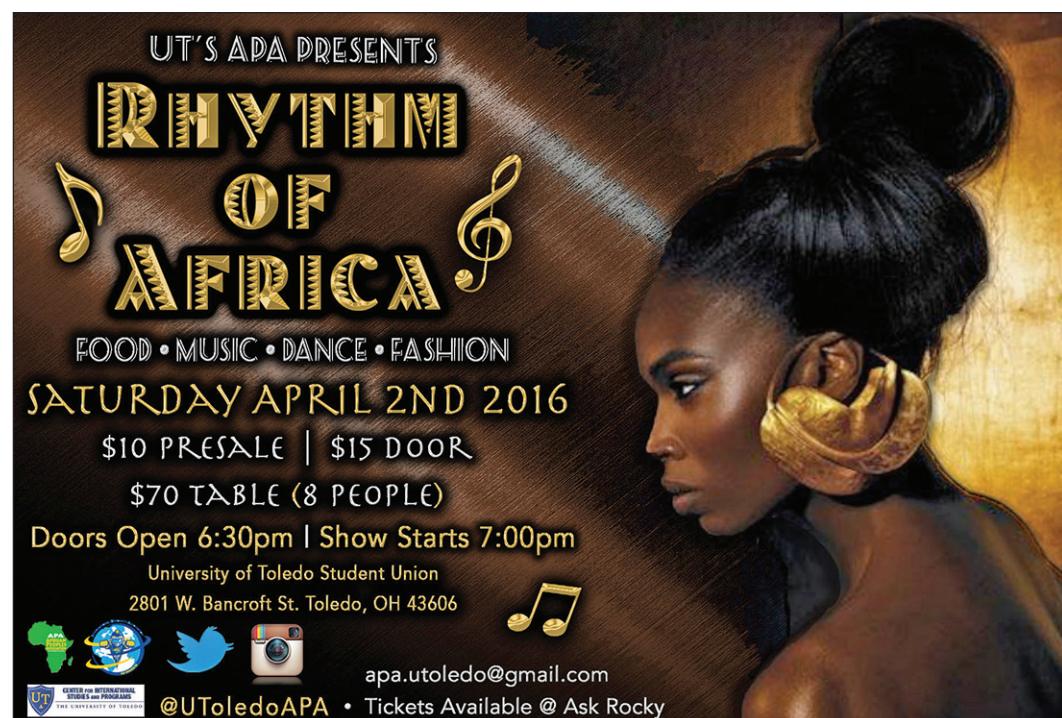
With 54 countries, Africa hosts a variety of cultures that will be featured at a performance this week.

The University of Toledo African People's Association is presenting "Rhythm of Africa" Saturday, April 2. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with the show starting at 7 p.m.

The cultural celebration will showcase African dance performances from groups around the state, including UT's own Ethiopian Dancers, with food during the intermission.

After the show, several clothing lines will display their work, which will be for sale.

"This is a way to learn about the culture," said Nnenna Kalu, event coordinator for the



African People's Association. "Africa is a very diverse continent, and this is a way to get a feel for that diversity through dance and fashion and also singing."

The African People's Association is an outlet that fosters unity among students from African countries and provides learning opportunities to students, faculty and staff about African cultures.

Tickets for \$10 can be purchased at the Ask Rocky counter located at Student Union Room 2525 or at the event for \$15. Tables of eight can be reserved for \$70.

For more information, email Kalu at nnenna.kalu@rockets.utoledo.edu.

Pianist to play Liszt at April 3 recital

By Angela Riddel

Dr. Ryan Behan will visit UT Saturday and Sunday, April 2 and 3, for the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series.

On the weekend he is here, Behan will present a master class at 10 a.m. Saturday and a recital at 3 p.m. Sunday. Both free, public events will be held in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

The recital program will consist of selected works from the first, second and third year of Franz Liszt's "Années de Pèlerinage" ("Years of Pilgrimage"). These works are considered a summation of Liszt's musical style, and many are linked to masterworks of art and literature.

Behan, a great fan of Liszt, is a founding member of the Ohio Chapter of the American Liszt Society.

As lecturer at Ohio State University, Behan has taught applied piano and served as opera coach for the School of Music.

He has won acclaim from audiences throughout the United States and Europe as an exceptionally versatile pianist. Season 2014-15 highlights include performances as concerto soloist with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra and Vince Lee,



Behan

conductor, and solo concerts at the Valentine Theater in Toledo.

A winner in the Fischoff National

Chamber Music Competition, Behan also serves on the collaborative faculty of the Mozarteum International Summer Academy in Salzburg, Austria, where he has worked alongside many great instrumental artists and teachers, including Umberto Clerici, Michael Frischenschlager, Igor Petrushevski and Zakhar Bron, as well as American opera singer Grace Bumbry.

The Toledo Piano Teachers Association assists with The University of Toledo Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series. The association provides students for the master class, publicity for the class and concert, and refreshments for the reception in the lobby following the concert.

UT Health kicks off Toledo Heart Walk campaign with employee event April 1

By Amanda Benjamin

University of Toledo Health is encouraging employees to participate in an employee walk Friday, April 1, to kick off UT's support of the Greater Toledo Heart Walk.

UTMC CEO Dave Morlock, along with Rocky and Rocksy, will lead the walk at noon at the Morse Center on Health Science Campus.

The event will include healthy snacks, information on the Toledo Heart Walk, and packets for Heart Walk team captains to pick up.

The Toledo Heart Walk will take place Saturday, May 14, at the Huntington Center in downtown Toledo.

"Heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death in the United States," said Vicki Riddick, senior wellness officer. "This event and the Heart Walk are both great opportunities for our employees to walk for their heart health."

Maps of walking routes for all UT campuses will be provided at the event.

To join UT's team for the Toledo Heart Walk, visit heart.org/toledowalk.



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FDA approves four therapies tested in clinical trials at UTMC

By Christine Long

The University of Toledo Medical Center offers northwest Ohio area patients investigational therapies that contribute to the growth of science and improved health care across the country.



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Burkett participated in clinical studies that led to U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of four treatment options in the last three years. These are now accepted as safe and effective for widespread commercial use.

"By being more selective, we have become more successful," Dr. Mark Burkett, chief of the UT Health Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, said. "What we have accomplished as a small academic hospital is extremely rare."

"It is hard for a single research trial to lead to FDA approval," Stephanie Frank, clinical research coordinator for cardiovascular medicine at UTMC, said. "A lot of centers across the country do 15 or more studies a year for medical companies

developing new drugs or devices, and reach a dead end. Hundreds of millions of dollars will be invested only to discover the new products did not show a benefit to patients."

"Clinical trials are the most important part of the drug development process in determining whether new drugs are safe and effective, and how to best use them," said Dr. Janet Woodcock, director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

Most recently, the FDA approved a device called the Astron stent to treat people with disabling pain in their legs because of a hardening of the arteries. Part of the Bioflex trial, Astron is a new stent that is permanently inserted into the body and holds open the iliac artery that supplies the leg with blood.

"The 45-minute procedure can produce dramatic change in quality of life," Burkett said. "After suffering for years, I had one patient enrolled in the trial who was finally able to hike with her husband again."

Burkett was selected as the national principal investigator for the four-year Bioflex trial that included about 20 other sites, including Yale University and Washington Hospital Center.

In addition to Astron, the FDA also approved two other devices tested in UTMC studies dealing with peripheral vascular

disease treatment within the last few years: Lutonix, a drug-coated balloon catheter, received marketing authorization in 2014, and Zilver PTX, a drug-coated stent for the femoral artery, in 2012.

Burkett recently published a related article in the American Heart Association's Circulation journal about therapies in cardiovascular medicine titled "Drug-Eluting Stents Are the Default Strategy for Superficial Femoral Artery Intervention Now." He argues they have been evaluated in a large number of patients over a long follow-up period with outcomes superior to other treatment options.

Also, last year the FDA approved a cholesterol medication called evolocumab that was evaluated in a UTMC clinical trial.

"These clinical trials for medical products under development are opportunities for UTMC patients, especially those who have not had success with what is already on the market. The patients cannot get these investigational devices or use the investigational drug unless they are part of one of these clinical trials," Frank said. "Our success in FDA-approved trials shows we are picking and choosing the right studies that we believe will benefit our patients, and hope companies will continue to invest in us

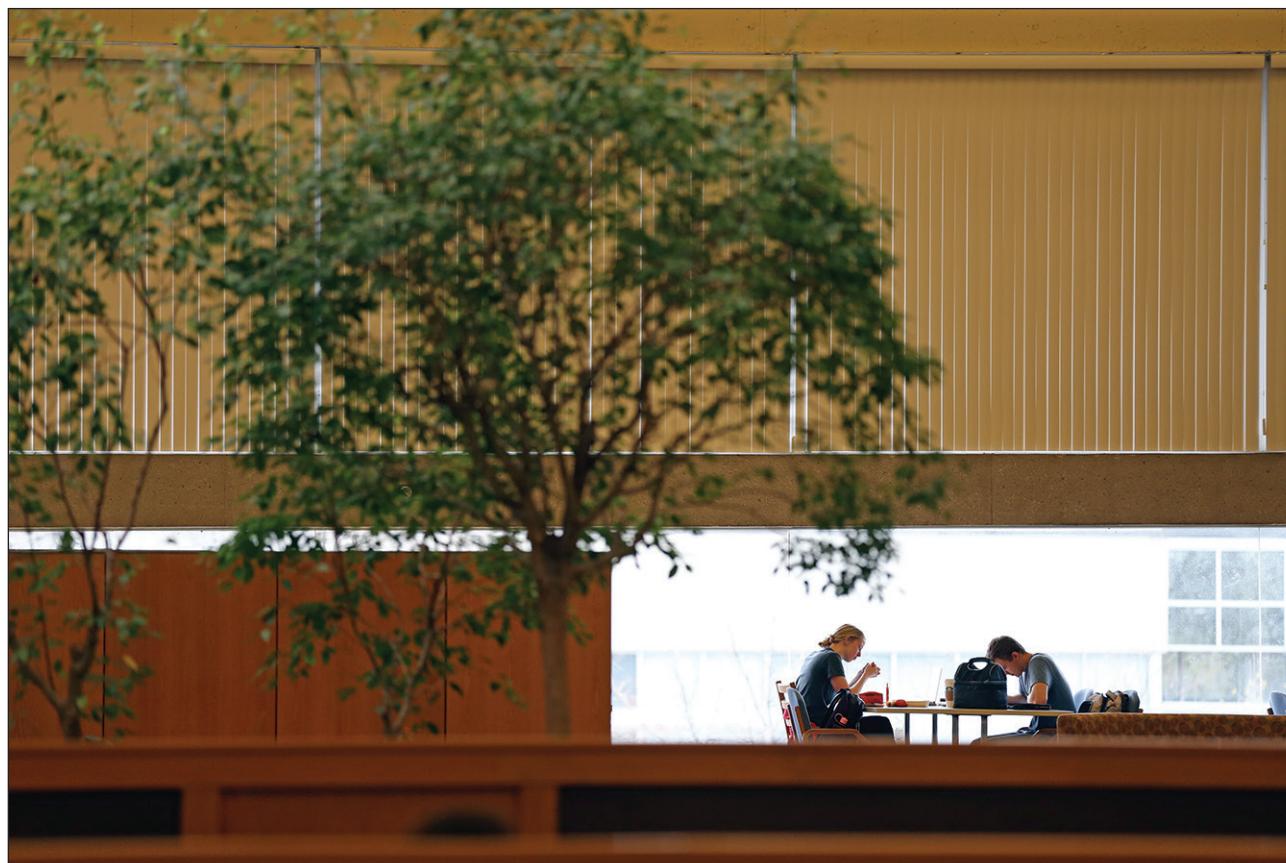
for good cutting-edge research trials in the future."

"We understand that some patients have run out of options and want to try something that is not fully tested, and we want to support them in these situations without exposing them to undue risks," Woodcock said. "But we also need to make sure that, ultimately, all patients get a treatment that has been shown to work. The clinical trial process gives everyone the full picture on the safety and effectiveness of a drug before it is used in the population at large."

Sharon Olds, a 67-year-old patient from Putnam County, signed up for the Zilver PTX trial at UTMC after a series of heart problems. In one day, she said she had a minor heart attack and multiple strokes.

"I'll try anything at my age," Olds said. "I am also willing to do anything to help younger people. When the doctor asked me if I wanted to be in the Zilver trial, I said, 'Sure.' I've had the drug-coated stent in my leg now for about two years. I have not had any problems with it, and I can do everything I want to do. I'm happy with my doctors, and I think the good Lord is sitting with me, too."

Break time



University Photographer Daniel Miller took this shot of two students in Mulford Library.

Photo by Daniel Miller

Higher education assessment expert to speak at UT April 6

By Ashley Gearheart

The Office of Assessment, Accreditation and Program Review will hold its third annual Assessment Workshop and Appreciation Luncheon Wednesday, April 6, at 9:30 a.m. in the Brady Center in Nitschke Hall.



Suskie

Linda Suskie, an internationally recognized expert on higher education, will be the keynote speaker. Suskie has taught at both the undergraduate and graduate level, worked for seven years as a vice president at the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and published two books on assessment: *Assessing Student Learning: A Common Sense Guide* and *Five Dimensions of Quality: A Common Sense Guide to Accreditation and Accountability*.

Suskie's approach focuses on assessment and accreditation and their purpose in helping every student get the best possible education, according to Dr. Alana Malik, university assessment director in the Office of Assessment, Accreditation and Program Review.

"This luncheon will provide UT with an outsider's perspective on our current assessment process. [Suskie] will inform the UT community on the importance of assessment and how it directly correlates to student learning and development," Malik said.

The workshop, "The Collaborative Endeavors of Assessment," will go from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by the lunch and keynote from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch is provided, and faculty, students and staff of the University are welcome to attend the free event.

To register, visit <http://utole.du/assessmentday>.

For more information, contact Malik at 419.530.2026 or alana.malik@utoledo.edu.

UT to host Toledo Color Run April 9

By Ashley Gearheart

Grab your running shoes and get ready to sweat because the happiest 5K on the planet is coming to The University of Toledo Saturday, April 9.

The Color Run will begin at 10 a.m. in the Flatlands near the Academic House and end by the tennis courts at noon. Snacks, food vendors, a music festival and color splash will all follow the race.

All community members are encouraged to participate in the event, which is a first for the University. Nearly 4,000 participants are expected.

"The Color Run normally [is held] in downtown Toledo, but I thought it would be a great opportunity to engage the Toledo community members and the campus community together and have the event on our beautiful campus," said Joe Lepone, a graduate assistant in the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, who organized the event.

Classic registration includes race entry and a participant kit and costs \$39.99. To save \$10 on registration, use the promo code UTCOLOR. Pre-registration is available at <http://j.mp/ToledoUT>.

Race-day registration is also available, but the price at that time will be \$50 per person.

Proceeds from the event will go to Mercy Children's Hospital.

For more information, contact Kelsey O'Brien at kelsey.obrien@utoledo.edu.

First be-Wise-er event to promote smart decisions

By Bob Mackowiak

The Alpha Kappa Psi Chapter at The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation is presenting an event to combat substance abuse.

Called be-Wise-er, it will take place Tuesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

"All it takes is one sip, one time and one night to end your world," said Natalie Alexandra Zerucha, awareness and safety chair of the UT College of Business and Innovation's Alpha Kappa Psi Chapter. "We want all students to simply 'be wiser' about their choices."

She added that she worked with numerous departments at the University in setting up this event.

"Sgt. Tressa Johnson, a lieutenant with the UT Police Department, said she is happy to see another big event taking place like this on campus," Zerucha said. "And I was fortunate enough to get a call from Brian Hoeflinger only a few hours after sending him an email. To me, he's a local star. A great father and neurosurgeon, he has been on many talk shows; he and his wife use their personal experience of losing their 18-year-old son three years ago as a life-learning lesson for college students who think they are invincible."

be-WISE-er

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Event starts @ 7:30 p.m.



She said this is the first year for the program, which she hopes will become an annual event.

"We're not here to judge," Zerucha said.

"We're here to tell our fellow classmates that we want them to get the dream job that they came to college to get an education for. However, we hope the people that we asked to join us will be a reminder that anything can happen."

The free event is open to all UT students as well as the public. Doors will open at 7 p.m. with free food and prizes.

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Local program aids cancer patients

By Lindsay Mahaney

Constantly working to better the lives of patients, The University of Toledo's Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center is known for making a difference.

The Get Well Award is a distinction given to health-care centers offering impactful services to their patients by the northwest Ohio regional chapter of the American Cancer Society. This honor was bestowed to the Toledo Road to Recovery program, a service provided by the society giving cancer patients rides to and from their doctor's appointments when they are unable to drive or obtain rides.

The initiative was started in the mid-1970s by a group of volunteers in central Massachusetts. After being adopted by the American Cancer Society, it was renamed Road to Recovery in 1982. Within a year, it had provided transportation for 1,640 patients.

When the program was introduced in northwest Ohio, The University of Toledo's Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center was chosen as a pilot for Lucas County because of the existing collaboration between the center and the society. From January to July 2015, a trial period was launched, during which

time 165 rides were provided to patients. However, the program has since blossomed: It now works with all Lucas County health centers and hospitals and provided 540 rides in 2015.

"Transportation is one of the biggest barriers to treatment for many patients, and having this program is truly life-changing for many," said Katie Chisholm, an oncology social worker at the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center, who coordinates program referrals and rides.

"For someone to donate time out of their own lives to help others is breathtaking, and that is what these volunteers do. There are not many transportation services available in the areas that meet our patient's needs, which can make my job very hard in trying to help them."

Volunteers are always needed to drive patients. To become a volunteer, an individual must be between the ages of 18 and 85, have a valid driver's license, a properly working and insured vehicle, and must pass a background check, insurance verification, driver's license verification and motor vehicle records check. Those interested should contact the American

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Cancer Society at 800.227.2345 or visit <http://utole.do/roadtorecovery>. All volunteers must complete a training session either online or at the society's office in Perrysburg.

"One of the things I hear most is the wonderful bonds and relationships patients build with their drivers. Sometimes patients are set up with the same driver for all appointments if possible," Chisholm said.

For more information, contact Marybeth Torsell,



health promotions coordinator with the American Cancer Society East Central Division, at 888.227.6446 or marybeth.torsell@cancer.org.

UT Health community to raise awareness for organ donation

By Valerie Augustyniak

More than 123,000 adults and children in the United States are waiting for life-saving organ transplants, according to Donate Life America.

For Donate Life Month in April, University of Toledo Health is partnering with Life Connection of Ohio and Community Tissue Services to spread awareness about organ and tissue donation.

UT Health will kick off Donate Life Month with a flag-raising ceremony Monday, April 4, at 10 a.m. outside the main entrance of Mulford Library. Representatives from Life Connections of Ohio will give brief remarks at the event. UT students, staff and visitors are encouraged to attend.

The green chair also will be on Health Science Campus in April to help raise organ donation awareness. The green chair represents someone who has received a second chance at life because someone else made the decision to be a donor.

Listed by date, other events scheduled during the month will include:

- Wednesday, April 20 — The green chair, an awareness tool used by Life Connection of

Ohio and Community Tissue Services, will be in the Four Seasons Bistro on Health Science Campus with an educational table display.

- Friday, April 15 — On National Blue and Green Day, UT staff members are encouraged to dress in blue and green, decorate office doors, and take photos to share on the Life Connection of Ohio and UT Health Facebook pages.
- Friday, April 29 — On UT Health's Blue and Green Day, representatives from Life Connection of Ohio and Community Tissue Services will bring interactive educational games with prizes to UTMC floors and units during the day and night shifts.

To learn more about organ, tissue and eye donation, call 800.262.5443 or visit donatelifeohio.org.

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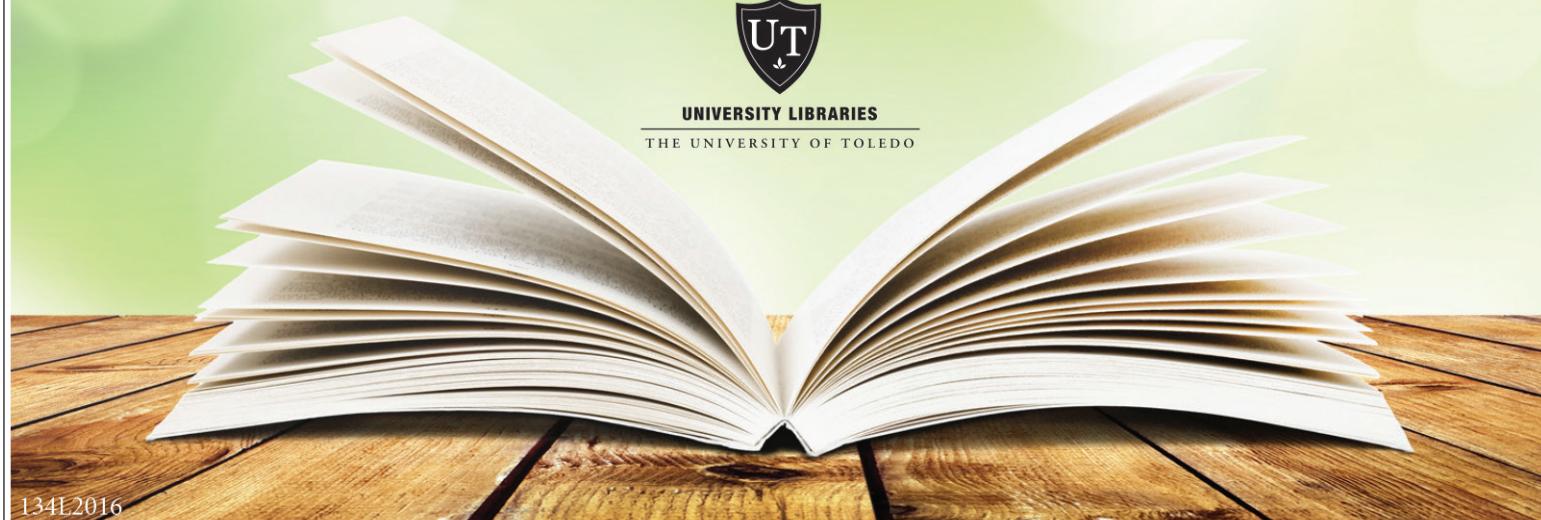
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UT College of Business and Innovation offers Export Success program to area businesses

By Bob Mackowiak

The University of Toledo's College of Business and Innovation is again partnering with United Parcel Service and the U.S. Commercial Service to provide area small- and medium-sized businesses access to experts who will help their companies enter new markets through the Export Success program.

Beginning in April, Export Success participants meet monthly for nine months in specialized sessions covering relevant topics based on an understanding of current members' needs. The program then helps companies develop plans to improve their business' supply chain, identify talent, understand export financing, and develop market entry strategies.

"Businesses today function on an international platform," Dr. Gary Insch, dean of the College of Business and Innovation, said. "Facilitating existing or

new exporters to enter foreign markets benefits all of northwest Ohio.

"Companies often recognize that expanding to international markets is something they should do. We make it easier for them to do this because we have the experts who will show them how to proceed. Furthermore, we provide them with all the criteria for success, whether they have a manufactured product or intellectual property."

"Export Success not only assists companies that are planning to conduct international business, but it also works with businesses already doing business globally who are looking for ways to expand their international presence," noted Debbe Skutch, director of the UT Center for Family and Privately Held Business, and Export Success program coordinator. "Furthermore, Export Success not only

provides information, but actually matches local manufacturing companies with foreign markets."

Chad Gottschalk of the Bionix Development Corp., said "Export Success provided a great learning experience and fantastic networking opportunities for myself and other members within our organization. It is always great to be a part of something where different members of a community bring collective thinking to the table. Every session provided a wealth of knowledge that helped me bring new ideas back to the office and apply them to my day-to-day activities."

Export Success participants also have access to the International Trade Assistance Center, which provides free export assistance services to small- and medium-sized businesses. Services include market research; an examination of culture,

finances and resources to make sure they are ready to export; locating sources of funding, such as a loan or grant; export compliance education; cultural and language assistance; export documentation; and logistics.

Other features and benefits of Export Success include access to ancillary educational programs offered by the UT College of Business and Innovation — such as the Schmidt School of Professional Sales and the Center for Family and Privately Held Business — and site visits to area companies that already have achieved a level of success in global entrepreneurship.

A limited number of grant and funding opportunities are available. For more information, download a registration form at utoledo.edu/business/exportsuccess, or call the UT Center for Family and Privately Held Business at 419.530.2068.

Taking the lead



Photos by Daniel Miller

Dr. Clint Longenecker, UT Stranahan Distinguished University Professor and director of the Center for Leadership and Organization Excellence, left, asked questions of, from left, Marc Lautenbach, president and CEO of Pitney Bowes Inc., UT President Sharon L. Gaber, and Jim Hoffman, president of KeyBank, at the 2016 KeyBank Global Leaders Forum. The theme for this year's event was Real Leadership in the 21st Century, and more than 600 people from the regional business community attended the free, morning-long program in Savage Arena.

Jim Haudan, CEO of Root Inc. in Sylvania, right, gave the keynote address titled "The Power of Engagement." Root Inc. has been recognized nationally as a Great Place to Work. Haudan is the author of the best-selling book, *The Art of Engagement: Bridging the Gap Between People and Possibilities*. Attendees also learned the art of power networking.

Opinion

Student Disability Services ready to help

By Toni Howard

The University of Toledo recognizes disability as part of the tapestry of diversity that enriches the work and life experiences of students and faculty. UT is committed to eliminating barriers to educational opportunities for people with disabilities.

If you are a student with a disability, you are not alone. About 56.7 million people, 19 percent of the population, have a disability, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, making them the largest minority group in the United States.

Student Disability Services works directly with students and faculty to provide reasonable academic accommodations for students with disabilities in all undergraduate, graduate and professional programs. Student Disability Services is here to support you.

The Student Disability Services office on Main Campus is open Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located in Rocket Hall Room 1820. The Student Disability Services satellite office on Health Science Campus is open Tuesdays from 8:15 a.m. to noon and is located in Mulford Library Room 130.

If you are a student with a disability, registering with the Student Disability Services office and requesting accommodations is easy:

- Submit documentation from a qualified health-care provider or other professional that explains how your disability impacts you in the academic arena. If you have questions about what type of documentation to submit, please give us a call at 419.530.4981 or visit our website at utoledo.edu/offices/student-disability-services and

review the Student Disability Services Documentation Guidelines.

- Meet with an accessibility specialist to discuss your disability, how it impacts you in various academic environments, and what accommodations might mitigate the impact of your disability and help level the playing field, allowing you the opportunity to demonstrate your mastery of the subject matter.

There is no list of approved accommodations. Accommodations are individually determined based on the functional limitations of a student's disability, how those limitations impact the student, and the program or course requirements. Students with disabilities are required to meet the same essential requirements and standards of their program as peers without disabilities.

UT does not fundamentally alter courses; accommodations do not lower the academic or professionalism standards of your program. Accommodations may modify the way in which those requirements are met in order to allow students with disabilities equal opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have acquired.

Please review the student handbook on the Student Disability Services website for more detailed information about accommodations and the registration process.

If you would like to learn more, contact Student Disability Services at 419.530.4981, visit utoledo.edu/offices/student-disability-services, or stop by an office.

Howard is director of student disability services.

Arlington Avenue traffic to shift March 28 as construction continues

Traffic patterns on Arlington Avenue between Byrne Road and Detroit Avenue near UT's Health Science Campus are scheduled to shift next week as the city's construction project continues.

"Phase two will involve construction of the south half of Arlington Avenue and installation of a new bike path," Doug Collins, UT director of grounds and off-site facilities, said. "During this phase, the south half of the road will be closed, and one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on the north half of the road."

Weather-permitting, that shift is scheduled to begin Monday, March 28.

Phase two of the construction project is expected to last six to seven weeks, according to Collins.

In addition, Health Science Campus entrances off Arlington Avenue are scheduled to be closed over the weekend

from Friday at 5 p.m. through Monday at 7 a.m. on:

- April 8 — entrance 1 and 4 (West Medical Loop and East Medical Loop);
- April 15 — entrance 2 (Hospital Drive); and
- April 22 — Entrance 3 (Library Circle).

Detour signs will be placed prior to entrance closings.

Those who frequent The University of Toledo Medical Center and Health Science Campus are encouraged to use the Glendale Avenue entrance as the construction project will continue through June.

For more information on repairs or the construction schedule, contact Collins at 419.530.1018.

UT employees may schedule graduate photos

Faculty and staff or members of their families who will graduate from UT this semester may contact the University Communications Office if they wish to have a photo taken and published in UT News.

Contact Laurie Flowers at laurie.flowers@utoledo.edu or 419.530.2002 to schedule an appointment before Wednesday, May 11.

Photos will appear in an upcoming issue of the paper.

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