

UT Health cardiologists give pioneering heart exam to gorilla at Toledo Zoo

By Christine Long

The largest of all primates at the Toledo Zoo turned out to be the perfect patient, only hairier.

“Working with a gorilla was a scary and exciting experience,” said Dr. Samer Khouri, UT Health cardiologist and director of cardiac imaging. “We were in a controlled environment, but Kwisha is a 470-pound, muscular creature. He is so powerful that his hand has the ability to crush all the bones in my hand with one squeeze.”

Several cardiologists, anesthesiologist Dr. Andrew Casabianca, and ultrasound technician Amy Lather from The University of Toledo Medical

Center recently volunteered their human health-care expertise for the 27-year-old male western lowland gorilla.

“Heart disease is a global problem facing great apes,” Dr. Kirsten Thomas, Toledo Zoo associate veterinarian, said. “The UTMC team was brought in to provide a new and unique measurement of cardiac health in great apes.”

“We take pride in the high-quality care we provide our animals here at the Toledo Zoo,” Jeff Sailer, Toledo Zoo executive director, said. “This collaboration with UTMC offered an additional

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Photo courtesy of Toledo Zoo

HEARTFELT CARE: Amy Lather, an ultrasound technician at UT Medical Center, conducted an ultrasound on Kwisha the gorilla at the Toledo Zoo as Dr. Qaiser Shafiq, a cardiology fellow in the University training program, center, watched.

Tribute set for Communication Department faculty member

By Vicki L. Kroll

A memorial service honoring Don Reiber will be held in The University of Toledo’s Savage Arena Sunday, April 24, at 2 p.m.

Reiber, associate professor of communication and the director of the Department of Communication’s Media Services, passed away Sept. 20 at age 68.

He spent 36 years at the University teaching television production, live-truck production, and radio production and programming. His students and alumni number in the thousands, working in broadcasting in Toledo, across the United States, and for national news organizations, including CNN.

“Everything you’ve heard about Don Reiber is true,” Paul Helgren, UT associate athletic director, said. “What made him a great employee was his work ethic, professionalism and dedication to UT — especially UT students. What made him a great person was his easy-going nature and his genuine interest in others.

“He touched so many lives, probably many more than he ever realized,” Helgren said. “Don helped make this University great.

His influence will be felt here for many years to come.”

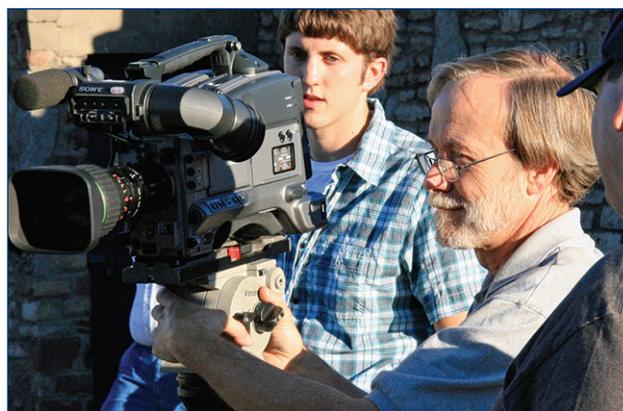
Dan Saevig, UT associate vice president of alumni relations and longtime friend, will emcee the program, which was planned according to the wishes of Reiber’s wife, Pat, and their son, Christopher.

“We have alumni from as far away as California coming for the service,” Saevig said.

“We expect several hundred to be there to celebrate a great human being who did so much for students and this University.”

Sharing remembrances will be several speakers, including Dr. Clint Longenecker, UT Stranahan Distinguished University Professor and director of the Center for Leadership and Organization Excellence; Dr. Nagi Naganathan, dean of the College of Engineering; Mike O’Brien, vice president and athletic director; and Tricia Cullop, head coach of the women’s basketball team.

And there will be a video tribute put together by Dr. Jackie Layng, professor of communication; John Eidemiller, executive



Reiber

producer and media services coordinator in the Communication Department; and Jonathan Mondelli, UT instructor of communication.

“I just felt that if you are going to honor a broadcasting professor, then doing a broadcasting video seems the right thing to do, especially because he lived and breathed broadcasting every day of his life,” Layng said.

“What I hope to do with the video is show the many sides of Don and the impact he had on me, the students, the staff and the University. We all had a very special

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Innovative partnership with BP to increase number of local engineers

By Meghan Cunningham

More homegrown engineers will solve problems right here in the Toledo community thanks to an innovative partnership between BP and The University of Toledo.

The new Rocket Engineering Prep Program will ensure full tuition and fee scholarships for four years for select Toledo Public School students to attend the UT College of Engineering in exchange for successfully completing three summers of enrichment and mentoring programs at UT during high school. The program supports an increase in both the number and success of students who represent the diversity of the Toledo community.

“Thanks to the generosity of BP, we will be able to increase the success of local high school students in engineering

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level of imaging and cardiac expertise helping us to provide the best possible care for Kwisha.”

Under the oversight of zoo veterinarians, the UT team conducted a comprehensive heart exam while Kwisha was under anesthesia. The specialists gave the gorilla a clean bill of health with no immediate issues that need to be addressed.

“Kwisha’s pictures look good,” said Dr. Christopher Cooper, executive vice president for clinical affairs and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. “We were happy to help. This also was a terrific opportunity for us to learn more from a highly related, yet nonhuman primate about cardiac performance.”

“A gorilla’s heart is almost the same as a human heart — only bigger,” Khouri said. “We followed the same principles, but this checkup was anything but routine. What’s amazing to me is how similar gorillas are to us physically.”

The silverback gorilla’s screening included an echocardiogram and a strain

test, which is believed to have been the first strain analysis ever done on an ape.

“It’s a more sensitive and more accurate test,” Khouri said. “The process takes a detailed look at the contraction of heart muscle. We can detect any problem in the heart before it’s apparent in a regular echo.”

“To the best of our knowledge, the strain test has not previously been performed in great apes, and is a novel approach to measuring cardiac function in these animals,” Thomas said. “The collective efforts of the UTMC cardiac team and Toledo Zoo veterinary staff has provided us the opportunity to be on the cutting edge of great ape research.”

Khouri plans to publish the new data soon and hopes to expand the work to include more apes to advance knowledge about heart function.



Kwisha in 2015

Photo courtesy of Toledo Zoo/Alex Goetz

“This is an important first step for research to compare a gorilla to human heart contraction and function,” Khouri said. “Doing this special analysis makes us

proud. Taking care of this kind of animal shows that every life on the planet deserves respect and highlights how similar we are to all creatures on earth.”

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careers,” UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. “These students will not only receive a top-notch UT College of Engineering education, but also will be better prepared for success with an introduction to college life and engineering careers through the summer programs. This is an exciting program to encourage talented local students to stay in our community and to support their education and career achievements.”

“BP is excited to be a partner of the new Rocket Engineering Prep Program,” BP Refinery Manager Mark Dangler said. “In order to remain competitive, BP, like many other companies, will increasingly require a workforce that is proficient in advanced STEM subjects and prepared with critical thinking and problem solving skills. We believe this new bridge program will enhance our local talent pool of diverse engineering candidates and help build upon our ongoing relationship with UT and supporting our community where we live and work.”

The launch of the Rocket Engineering Prep Program will be celebrated Tuesday, April 19, at 9:30 a.m. in the Nitschke Hall SSOE Seminar Room on Main Campus. The

first class of TPS students in the program will be recognized at the event.

The Rocket Engineering Prep Program begins the summer after the students’ sophomore years of high school when they will visit the UT campus for assistance in preparing for 11th grade, the ACT and success in college. They also will be introduced to engineering disciplines and careers through activities and field trips. The students will participate in a similar program the following summer.

During the summer after high school graduation, the participants will live on campus and enroll in UT courses for a head start on a successful college experience.

“BP is investing in our community by encouraging local high school students to explore the engineering sciences and providing the resources and support that will help them succeed here at UT and in their future careers,” UT College of Engineering Dean Nagi Naganathan said. “Our graduates are creative problem solvers and leaders in their fields. We look forward to having more TPS graduates succeed as UT engineering students and alumni.”

University purchases must go through preferred UT suppliers

By Jon Strunk

Beginning May 1, all University community members purchasing goods or services will be required to use the preferred supplier contracts identified on UT’s Supply Chain website.

In a memo to University leaders and business managers, Jennifer Pastorek, senior director of supply chain, wrote that UT can receive the best value by using the purchasing power of the entire institution. Further, she wrote, UT also is working with the other Ohio universities through the Inter-University Council to leverage purchasing power at the state level.

“The University purchasing team has negotiated many preferred supplier contracts,” Pastorek wrote. “These contracted suppliers have committed to competitive terms, services and prices. Beyond pricing, the University has negotiated other benefits, including but not limited to guaranteed performance levels, return policies, free or reduced delivery costs, payment terms and volume incentives.”

Echoing President Sharon L. Gaber’s budget message to campus on Feb. 17, Pastorek emphasized the need to reduce costs in light of state of Ohio recommendations to keep the cost of higher education low.

“In the fall of 2015, the Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education delivered a report to Gov. John Kasich with recommendations on action steps for institutions to reduce the cost of education while maintaining quality for our students,” Pastorek wrote.

“The University has embraced these recommendations as part of our budget stabilization efforts. One of the recommendations focuses on increasing savings by requiring employees to use existing supplier contracts on campus,” she wrote.

Each year, the Board of Trustees will receive a report demonstrating UT’s commitment to lowering costs for students and increasing operational efficiencies.

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relationship with this incredibly kind man who made everyone he met feel special," she said.

Eidemiller is one of those students that Reiber took under his production wing.

"For me, Don was more than a teacher, or a boss, or even a mentor. He was like a second father," Eidemiller said. "From fall 1997 when I switched my major from engineering to communication at the start of my sophomore year, through spring 2000 when I graduated, I spent more time with Don than with anyone else. He probably taught me more about every facet of production during those three years than I've learned in the 16 years since."

One of the most decorated yet unassuming faculty members at the University, Reiber received the Outstanding Teacher Award in 2007. In his career, he also was honored with the Students First Award, which was presented by the University administration for his dedication to instruction and mentoring; the Difference Maker Award from the College of Business and Innovation; and the Rocket Award from the women's basketball team for his commitment to that program.

"I know I can't do him justice in a five-minute video, but I am going to try and honor my friend in a way I know he would appreciate the production value," Layng said. "He was a very humble person and would not

have liked all the fuss we are making over him now, but he would appreciate a good production with a good story, so I'm going to try and tell some of his story."

Part of that story is Reiber's far-reaching influence.

"When I came back to Toledo after two years in Washington, D.C., it was because there was a position open here, and I absolutely could not pass up the opportunity to work with Don," Eidemiller said. "While I can say that I am slowly getting used to his absence, there isn't a day that goes by that I don't miss him. And I will be forever grateful for everything he did for me over the almost 20 years that I knew him."

"Don was and still is a true inspiration to all that had the pleasure to have worked with him. He made us all want to be better at what we do," said Tyler Mattson, a student who will graduate with a bachelor's degree in communication in May and who received a bachelor's degree in pharmaceuticals in 2014. "I knew Don for seven years from helping at events across campus. We all know that everything he did at UT wasn't because he had to, but because he wanted to. It was with this that he showed and inspired all of his students and those who had come to know him.

"Don will always have a place not only at UT, but in our hearts as well," Mattson said.



Photo by Tyler Mattson

REMEMBERING: Students gathered Sept. 20 on Centennial Mall for a candlelight vigil to remember Don Reiber, associate professor of communication, who passed away suddenly that morning.

The tribute video will roll at the end of the service prior to the unveiling of the renamed Don Reiber Video Production Control Room in Savage Arena.

Another honor was started last fall: the Don Reiber Student Production Fund.

"Without any solicitation, that fund has raised more than \$20,000," Saevig said. "Don always wanted the students to come first. He

was one who didn't want recognition, but I think one thing that would make him happy is that his friends and colleagues stepped up for something that will directly benefit the students."

Contributions may be made to the Don Reiber Student Production Fund to The University of Toledo Foundation. Go to <https://give2ut.utoledo.edu>.

New AVP/dean of students on campus

By Ashley Gearheart

The University of Toledo welcomed the new associate vice president and dean of students, Dr. Phillip "Flapp" Cockrell, on April 4.



Cockrell

Cockrell has several years of experience working in student affairs at various universities. Most recently, he served as associate vice provost for student affairs and dean of students at Jackson State University in Mississippi.

"Dr. Cockrell is a great addition to the University," said Dr. Kaye M. Patten, senior vice president for student affairs. "He brings a wealth of experience and background working closely with students, and he is truly committed to student success."

His prior student affairs experience also includes work in various positions at Mississippi University for Women, Ohio

State University and Florida International University.

Cockrell received his bachelor of science degree in family studies from Mississippi University for Women in 2003, then continued on to obtain a master of science degree in educational leadership and student affairs from Florida International University, and a doctor of philosophy in urban higher education from Jackson State University. He also completed a study abroad tour through Bowling Green State University in higher education.

"I am excited to join The University of Toledo community," Cockrell said. "It is evident that UT has a strong commitment to the holistic development of all students."

Cockrell added that he already has plans to improve the UT experience for students.

"I look forward to working collaboratively with the administration, faculty, staff and students to enhance the student experience and to initiate co-curricular learning opportunities to maximize both the personal and professional endeavors of UT's students," he said.

In memoriam

Marsha M. (Hailman) Brown, Whitehouse, a nurse at MCO who went on to teach, died April 7 at age 69. She was a member of the nursing staff and worked in various units, including critical care and surgery recovery, and was a nursing supervisor. Brown became a nursing instructor in 1994. In 2008, she was named assistant professor of nursing, a title she held until her retirement in 2011. She also served as advanced practice nurse clinical coordinator from 2009 to 2011. Brown received a master of science and post-master of science degrees in nursing from MCO in 1994 and 2001.

Richard K. Ransom, Sylvania, who founded Hickory Farms of Ohio and was a UT and MCO benefactor, died April 11 at age 96. The local businessman founded Hickory Farms in 1959 and the company expanded to more than 450 franchised stores and 80 company-owned stores by 1980 when he sold it. Shortly after that, Ransom and a few fellow business partners started the Tomahawk Development Co., which helped lead to the success of Arrowhead Park in Maumee. Known for his philanthropy, Ransom was a former board member of both the UT Foundation and the MUO Foundation. He also was a member of the Presidents Club.

Catherine P. Ruby, Toledo, a former faculty member in the College of Nursing, died April 6 at age 93. She was an assistant professor of nursing from 1974 to 1980, and also taught in 1982 and 1983.

William H. Ryan, Sylvania, a former UT instructor, died April 12 at age 78. He received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University in 1977.

UT scientists hosting public discussion on Zika, Ebola

By Christine Long

As the fight to prevent and control the spread of the Zika virus in the United States heats up, several University of Toledo scientists are hosting a Science Café to address concerns from the community.

The free, public event titled “Emerging Viruses: Ebola, Zika and Beyond” will take place Tuesday, April 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Calvino’s Restaurant, located at 3141 W. Central Ave.

The informal discussion, which is organized by the scientific research society Sigma Xi at UT, will be led by Dr. Douglas Leaman, professor and chair of the Department of Biological Sciences; Dr. Scott Leisner, associate professor of biological sciences, who studies virus-host interactions; and Dr. Travis Taylor, assistant professor and virologist in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology.

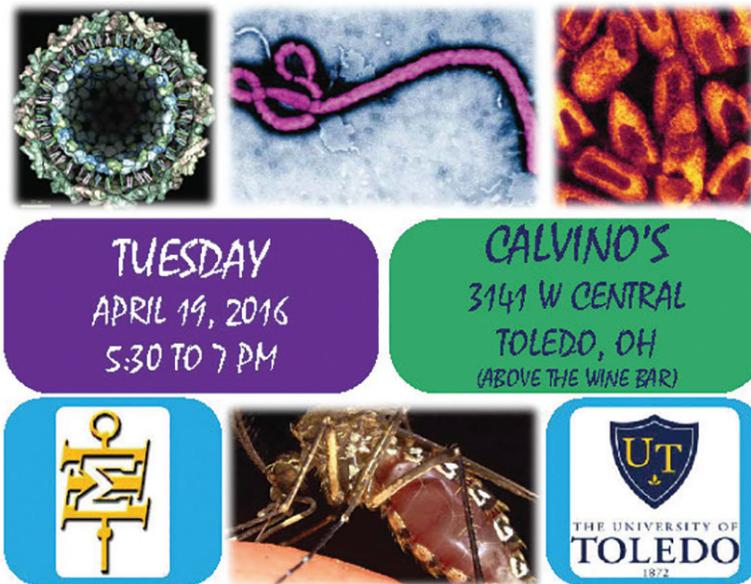
“Our experts are here to help educate people in the Toledo community who

may be worried about our vulnerability in northwest Ohio or how to protect loved ones from becoming infected,” Dr. Carol Stepien, director of UT’s Lake Erie Center and ecology professor, said. “Through these ongoing Science Café events, we seek to engage the public, advance general knowledge, and promote what our university researchers are doing.”

The Zika virus is a mosquito-borne illness linked to birth defects, including microcephaly, in which babies are born with abnormally small heads and brain damage.

Brazil reported a startling increase in cases last fall. The virus has been spreading in Mexico, Central America and South America. It now is becoming prevalent in Florida and other southern U.S. states. More than 300 U.S. travelers have been infected with the virus after returning from an outbreak country.

Ebola is a deadly virus found in several African countries and transmitted through contact with blood or secretions from an infected person. The virus first arrived in the United States in 2014 through infected travelers or medical evacuations. Two people treated for Ebola in the United States died.



For more information about the upcoming Science Café, visit utoledo.edu/nsm/lec/sigma_xi.

UT joins Ohio universities in conducting dependent eligibility verification assessment in fall

As announced last year during Open Enrollment, 2016 will mark the implementation of UT’s Dependent Eligibility Verification Assessment initiative for employees who currently participate in UT’s health-care plans.

Like other Ohio colleges and universities that have conducted similar reviews over the past few years, UT will perform its assessment in November. The Dependent Eligibility Verification Assessment initiative will help to ensure that the health benefit programs offered by The University of Toledo meet the needs of its employees and their eligible dependents.

“The dependent eligibility verification assessment is important for the University in order to continue offering our employees competitive, quality benefits that meet their needs and those of their eligible family members,” said Jovita Thomas-Williams, vice president and chief human resources

officer. “It ensures that employees are not missing benefits for eligible dependents or paying premiums for dependents they no longer wish to cover.”

The assessment also ensures that the University is properly exercising its fiduciary responsibility in the administration of its self-funded health-care programs and is in compliance with eligibility requirements as outlined in the summary plan description documents.

To ensure the impartiality of the assessment initiative and the privacy of UT employees, the University will use HMS Employer Solutions, an independent organization, to collect and review documentation that employees will be required to provide for dependents enrolled in any University-sponsored plan in 2016. HMS Employer Solutions is the vendor used by many of the Ohio universities conducting

similar dependent verification assessments over recent years.

Acceptable documentation for verification purposes includes birth certificate (displaying parent names), marriage certificate (showing date of marriage), divorce decree, or other court documents with parents’ names for dependent children or legal guardianship and other forms of supportive documentation to verify current state of relationships; these include joint bills or bank statements with spouse’s name or shared address, or redacted prior year 1040 tax returns.

UT will only receive aggregate data from the assessment initiative and will not have access to the documentation employees provide to HMS Employer Solutions. At the end of the assessment initiative, documents submitted by UT employees will be securely destroyed.

Employees are strongly encouraged to begin collecting the documentation needed for the eligible dependents they wish to cover. Employees will be asked to provide only copies of acceptable documentation because the papers will not be returned.

In early September, employees will receive direct communication from HMS Employer Solutions detailing the Dependent Eligibility Verification Assessment process. Notification letters will be sent to employees’ home addresses, so it is important to maintain updated contact information in the myUT portal. Address information can be updated on the Employee tab in the portal.

Questions about the dependent eligibility verification assessment should be directed to the University’s Human Resources and Talent Development benefits office at benefits@utoledo.edu or 419.530.4747.

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Law students advance to final four in Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Moot Court Competition

A team of UT College of Law students advanced to the semifinals of the Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Moot Court Competition held April 9 at the State University of New York Buffalo School of Law in Buffalo.

UT law students Lindsey Cavese and Thomas Walsh were among the best four teams in the competition to argue before lawyers and judges a specific legal issue, which this year involved the question of whether a sentence of life without parole for a juvenile violates the Constitution. The teams research the legal issue, draft a 30-page brief arguing one side of the problem, and practice oral arguments as they would before the Supreme Court in an actual case.

Walsh and Cavese argued both sides of the question, consistently winning until they were one of only four teams remaining of the 23 teams from across the country that competed.

"This is one of the strongest teams that I can recall, in any moot court competition, anywhere in the country," said UT Associate Professor Gregory Gilchrist, who served as the faculty advisor to the team. "Moot court competitions

require the students to research a complex legal issue, write a formal appellate brief, structure a persuasive argument, hone their oral advocacy. And, on top of all this, the students need to think on their feet in a high-pressure situation. This year, Tommy and Lindsey excelled in all these roles and made UT proud."

The judges, who complimented the UT teammates on their persuasive skills, demeanor and command of the relevant standards and cases, awarded Walsh the Ryan J. Mullins Memorial Award given to the competitor who best embodies the spirit, passion and enthusiasm of the competition.

"The competition was a great experience," Cavese said. "It helped develop a practical set of skills I can take with me into the future as an attorney."

The team was coached and accompanied in New York by UT College of Law student Katrin McBroom, who was able to provide advice based on her success the prior year as a member of the transactional health law moot court team. As the team coach, she was responsible for establishing deadlines on all



COURTING SUCCESS: UT law students Thomas Walsh and Lindsey Cavese, center, posed for a photo with their coach, UT law student Katrin McBroom, at the Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Moot Court Competition.

projects, coordinating practice rounds, identifying guest judges for those rounds, and guiding Cavese and Walsh through the competition.

"After watching my colleagues practice so many times before attending the competition, it was thrilling to see them shine among 23 other teams," McBroom said. "Every time we advanced on

to the next round, we all shared an immense amount of excitement and pride for the UT College of Law."



Give peace a chance

Dr. Betty A. Reardon, founder and director of the International Institute on Peace Education, visited campus last week to speak with students, faculty and community members about peace education, how it's being implemented in Toledo, and ideas on how to further utilize it in the community. Seated to her left is Dr. Tony Jenkins, director of the UT Peace Education Initiative, which was established in the Judith Herb College of Education to help the University become a global leader in peace education. Last month, UT's Faculty Senate approved a new peace studies major and minor. The minor is tentatively set to launch this fall. "I'm very excited about what's happening in Toledo," Reardon said. "UT is poised to be a new leading peace learning institution for the country and internationally."

Photo by Daniel Miller

Hip-hop artists to play in Carter Field

Nationally known hip-hop artists Hoodie Allen and Bryce Vine will perform in concert Friday, April 22, at 8 p.m. in Carter Field.

Tickets — \$10 for students and \$35 for general admission — are available at the Savage Arena Ticket Office, online at utrockets.com and by phone at 419.530.GOLD.

Without a label or management, Allen's 2012 EP titled *All American* landed in the Top 10 of Billboard's Top 200, moving more than 100,000 units. In addition to sold-out worldwide tours of his own, Allen has played shows alongside everybody from Passion Pit to Macklemore.

In January, he released *Happy Camper*, and *People Keep Talking* came out in 2014.

"I wanted to build a style rooted in hip-hop, pop and soul that combined everything I loved," Allen said. "The flow and wordplay are as

important as the hooks are. I aimed for [*People Keep Talking*] to be cohesive in terms of the sound and story. The songs contribute to the narrative, but they can stand on their own as well."

In the end, he's delivering something fans can live with — literally.

"I wanted to give people something to escape to — that can be the perfect soundtrack to anything they go through on a daily basis," Allen said. "When a record connects to a part of someone else's life, what more can you ask for?"

Allen and Bryce will perform rain or shine.

The concert is presented by Campus Activities and Programming, and the UT Division of Student Affairs.

For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/utconcert2016>.

Looks like they made it: UT Concert Chorale to perform with Barry Manilow



The University of Toledo Concert Chorale has been invited to sing up to three songs with Barry Manilow Wednesday, April 27, at the Huntington Center in downtown Toledo. The concert is part of Manilow's Farewell Tour. Two of the songs they will perform with the singer are "Copacabana" and "I Write the Songs." Dr. Brad Pierson, UT director of choral activities, also will sing with the group. "It's a tremendous experience for our students to have the opportunity to sing with such a major performer. I'm very excited for them," Pierson said.

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University honors faculty, staff for advising, research, teaching, outreach work

UT outstanding advisors, researchers and teachers, and recipients of the Edith Rathbun Award for Outreach and Engagement, were recognized last week.

Recipients of the Outstanding Advisor Award are:

Dr. Julie Murphy, assistant professor of pharmacy practice in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. She joined the faculty in 2012.

“Dr. Murphy encourages students to think on their own and guides them to find answers with thought-provoking questions rather than just giving them answers,” one nominator wrote. “This encourages students to self-reflect on their skills. She genuinely cares about students’ academic progress and helps them to embrace their strengths and improve their weaknesses.” Another wrote, “Even though Dr. Murphy was not my official adviser, I looked up to her as a mentor that I could always rely on for guidance and support throughout my academic journey.” Another wrote, “She is



Photos by Daniel Miller

Winners of the Outstanding Advisor Award are Myrna Rudder, left, and Dr. Julie Murphy.

a very influential woman in pharmacy, and that motivates me. She works with students in research and takes students under her wing.” And another wrote, “She always greets you with a smile and puts significant thought into each advising response.”

Myrna Rudder, associate director of department student services in the College of Engineering. She joined the University staff in 2000.

“Myrna deals with more than 1,000 students per year both domestic and international. She makes every person feel as if he or she is her only priority and goes out of her way to get things done for these students and the faculty she works with,” one nominator wrote. “Her dedication and drive have many times put me in awe of her. She is not only professional to work with,

but a very genuine, nice person.” Another noted, “She always puts students’ needs in the forefront and with a smile.” Another wrote, “She always has a great attitude and is always willing to help anyone who walks through her door. Myrna is very tactful and informative when she interacts with students and faculty. She takes extra steps to make sure everyone who leaves her office has a desired result.”

Recipients of the Outstanding Researcher Award are:

Dr. Sarit Bhaduri, professor of mechanical, industrial and manufacturing engineering in the College of Engineering, and director of the Multifunctional Materials Laboratory. He joined the faculty in 2007.

He has strong expertise in the development of a wide array of materials used in structural applications, including orthopaedics and dentistry. Bhaduri has developed unique biomaterials using innovative processes. Last year, Smith & Nephew, a multinational implant company,

sold one million of the Oxinium knee and hip implants co-invented by Bhaduri. In recent years, he has focused on calcium phosphate-based bone cements, which have singular properties allowing for rapid injection, support for bone regrowth, and potential for delivering antibiotics to prevent infections. Bhaduri has a consistent record of obtaining external support for his research from the National Science Foundation and the Department of

Defense. Moreover, he has an outstanding publication record, with more than 165 peer-reviewed journal articles, and his new structural/biomaterial technologies have formed the basis for more than 10 patents, leading to licensing opportunities and the development of new companies, such as OsteoNovus Inc., a UT spinoff.

Geoffrey Rapp, the Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values, and associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Law. He joined the faculty in 2004.

His research interests focus on behavioral law and economics, with particular emphasis on financial market regulation and tort law. Rapp is recognized as a leading expert on policy and legal aspects of security fraud whistleblowers.



Receiving Outstanding Researcher Awards are, from left, Dr. Joseph Slater, Geoffrey Rapp and Dr. Sarit Bhaduri.

His work helped lay the foundation for the whistleblower bounty provisions Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and was cited by the Securities Exchange Commission as it implemented the Dodd-Frank rules. Rapp also was asked to testify in Congress on the Dodd-Frank program. His scholarly efforts are influential not only in academic circles, where his works are widely read and cited, but also in the real world where his ideas strongly influence the decisions of judges and policymakers.

Dr. Joseph Slater, the Eugene N. Balk Professor of Law and Values in the College of Law. He joined the faculty in 1998.

Slater is widely recognized as one of the leading experts on public-sector labor law in the United States. His unique background in law and history has allowed him to write definitive texts on the history of public-sector labor law, particularly in the period from 1900 to 1960. His expertise is not limited to academic pursuits, however, as Slater actively contributes to current discussions on the public-sector labor law, as this issue has become a hot-button topic in recent years. Thus, he is frequently sought out by the national media and by conference organizers for his insight on current events and for his ongoing contributions to the field. Slater’s perspective has been influential at the national level, as evidenced by citations in two decisions of the National Labor Relations Board and by a federal court in Wisconsin.

Recipients of the Edith Rathbun Award for Outreach and Engagement are:

Dr. Cyndee Gruden, associate professor in the Department of Civil Engineering in the College of Engineering. She began teaching at UT in 2003.

“The topic of Dr. Gruden’s engagement and outreach activities has focused on stormwater management. Both the quantity and quality of runoff from impervious surfaces is a problem for northwest Ohio. Large storms cause localized flooding and may contribute to the formation of harmful algal blooms. A sustainable approach to solve this problem is to implement what is considered green stormwater infrastructure,” one nominator wrote. “Dr. Gruden’s efforts exemplify how a faculty member can use engineering expertise not only to teach and do research, but to affect change by designing and building engineering infrastructure with engagement from UT students. Their research brought together constituents from the city of Toledo, Lucas County, the city of Oregon and Toledo Metroparks. Funding sources for her work include the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Lake Erie Commission.”

Dr. Marilynne Wood, professor of nursing in the College of Nursing. She joined the faculty in 2000.

“As principal investigator of the Elevated Lead Levels in Children and Adolescents: Behavioral Issues and Health Policy Implications research study, Dr. Wood has directed the team of investigators providing free blood lead level screenings and lead poisoning prevention/exposure education in our Toledo community. As an active pediatric nurse educator and practitioner, Dr. Wood strives to impact



Recipients of the Edith Rathbun Award for Outreach and Engagement are Dr. Marilynn Wood, left, and Dr. Cyndee Gruden.

health policy requiring blood lead level screening before early childhood education and kindergarten. Preliminary findings of her research support the correlation of elevated blood lead levels in children and behavioral issues in school,” one nominator wrote. “Dr. Wood has worked with more than 250 College of Nursing undergraduate and graduate students on the study, and their work has directly impacted over 300 children in the Toledo area through lead screenings and more than 500 families through lead exposure education.”

Recipients of the Outstanding Teacher Award are:

Shelley Cavalieri, associate professor of law in the College of Law. She has been teaching at the University since 2011.

“Professor Cavalieri has been far more than a great legal mind and educator to me. She has continually exceeded my furthest expectations of what an ideal educator would — and could — be. I have never come across someone who cares more for her pupils,” one nominator wrote. “She respects all, paying no attention to social status, age, gender or accomplishment, which provides yet another reason for those who encounter this magical individual to respect her. She is more than an educator in my eyes. She is a mentor. She is a counselor. She is an example of what all educators should aim to be. Although she would never seek drawing attention to herself, I feel she deserves recognition for all she does.”

Dr. Claire Cohen, associate lecturer in chemistry in the College of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. She joined the faculty in 2006.

“Best chemistry professor ever. She’s kind, fair and gentle. She really knows chemistry. She teaches the subject in such a way that even the hardest topic seems easy. She is very approachable, and I

believe that is the best quality a professor should have. Being approachable means you’re nice,” one nominator wrote. “She is very understanding and that is why so many students take her class. Her class is so packed this semester; it’s so full, no more students can take her lecture. Because she is quiet, and because she teaches so many students, students may not vote for her because knowing a professor with that many in a class is hard to do. But trust me on this — she made

me like chemistry and get an A.”

Benjamin Davis, professor law in the College of Law. He began teaching at UT in 2003.

“Professor Davis creates an atmosphere wherein his students feel motivated to do more. As we walk into his class a few minutes early, there is undoubtedly music playing that gets us pumped up or at the very least wakes us up if caffeine is not a part of our daily intake,” one nominator wrote. “He has taught me and countless others about the power that each individual can wield in times of crisis. The ability and impact one can make is astronomical. In each of us, we have the capability to leave behind a legacy, and that raises deeper thought about how we would like to be remembered.” Another noted, “Davis will tell you the truth even if it is something that

one might not want to hear... His integrity and respectful cadence just will not allow for anything less.”

Andrew “Mick” Dier, lecturer in criminal justice in the College of Social Justice and Human Service. He started teaching part time in 1999 and full time in 2012 after retiring from the UT Police Department, where he worked 30 years.

“He shares with us personal experiences that help us as students fully understand what criminal justice entails. He has an immense amount of resources and connections with people in our field of study. He is able to assist his students with receiving internships, co-ops and even jobs in our field,” one nominator wrote. “The most important reason for nominating him is he always has a very good sense of humor and enjoys to see his students excel.” Another noted, “Not only is he dedicated to his job but also his students. He goes above and beyond to make sure we are learning the tools we need for the real world. Each class, we receive different learning skills, his personal techniques, and ways to be better than we think we can.”

Dr. Margaret Hopkins, associate professor of management in the College Business and Innovation. She started teaching at UT in 2005.

“I am an older student who has been employed in the health-care industry, and it is refreshing to see a college professor teaching exactly what is needed to be successful in the real world. Dr. Hopkins’ experience, methods, content, delivery and professionalism speak exceptionally

well for the University, as well as prepares the student as well as I’ve seen at UT,” one nominator wrote. “It is the genuine empathy and compassion Dr. Hopkins has for her students that stands out. She is one of the most selfless people I’ve had the opportunity to meet, and it seems like her mission is to help students not only through education, but provide experience and advice that holds value far above what my tuition pays for,” another noted.

Dr. Richard Molyet, professor emeritus and associate lecturer of electrical engineering and computer science in the College of Engineering. He joined the faculty in 1981. He received bachelor of science, master of science and doctoral degrees from UT in 1972, 1977 and 1981, respectively.

“Molyet truly puts his heart and soul into his profession and shows that through his high caliber of teaching skills and his words of wisdom outside the classroom. He makes an effort to know who every one of his students are and to remember them throughout their entire college experience,” one nominator wrote. “Dr. Richard Molyet may be a professor, but he definitely is not just a professor. He can be found at every campus visit, experience day, and every other interactive event the College of Engineering hosts with a huge smile on his face and ready to help answer any question or speak about a wide variety of topics. Molyet puts 150 percent into bettering his students and does more than his fair share in and out of the classroom.”



Taking home Outstanding Teacher Awards are, from left, Shelley Cavalieri, Dr. Margaret Hopkins, Benjamin Davis, Andrew “Mick” Dier, Dr. Richard Molyet and Dr. Claire Cohen.

UT business fraternity to stage fashion show fundraiser April 20

By Bob Mackowiak

The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation and Alpha Kappa Psi, the professional co-educational business fraternity, will present a fashion show fundraiser Wednesday, April 20, at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

Judges of the fashion show will be Michael Bell, former Toledo mayor; Joshua Smalley, store manager at Men's Warehouse; Mike Smith, owner, Consign-It Clothiers for Men & Women; Kate McComb, digital media specialist with the UT Foundation and author of the Fashionable Kate blog; and Phillippe Taylor, 92.5 Kiss-FM Morning Rush.

The event will be hosted by DJScholar, and 4.0 ENT will provide music for the evening.

A Fashion Affair will preview attire for the cocktail hour, golf outings, business professional and business casual, with winners for both the best male and female model.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the MS Society, the Cherry Street Mission, as well as Alpha Kappa Psi.

Tickets are \$7 in advance and can be purchased at Ask Rocky in the Student Union or by calling 419.349.4325. Tickets also will be available at the door for \$10.

Panel to discuss dangers of lead poisoning April 22

By Lindsay Mahaney

According to the World Health Organization, lead is one of the 10 chemicals of major public health concern, especially for children.

The University of Toledo will host a professional panel, "The Prevention and Politics of Lead Poisoning," Friday, April 22, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Health and Human Services Building Room 1600. Registration for the free, public event will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Local professionals will discuss the causes of lead poisoning, how to prevent it, and how to get involved in community action surrounding lead poisoning prevention.

"Together, we have concluded the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, is a salient issue for this region in Ohio," said Nicole Sicha, a student pursuing a master's degree in social work, who helped plan the panel. "Our purpose for this event is to offer the social justice community and the public a forum to discuss, educate, and potentially coordinate resources for those affected and in need."

Seating is limited. To RSVP, email Dr. Heath Sloane, assistant professor in the UT Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work, at heather.sloan@utoledo.edu.

Storyteller to speak at Satellites' luncheon April 26

Dr. Mary Edwards Walker was the first woman to graduate from Syracuse Medical College in 1855. She was a doctor for the Union in the Civil War, a prisoner of war in Virginia, and received the U.S. Armed Forces' Medal of Honor for bravery.

Storyteller Sheila Otto will recreate Walker's energy with her program, "This Doctor Makes House Calls in History," at the Satellites Auxiliary's luncheon Tuesday, April 26, in Health Education Building Room 103.

Those who attend may bring their own lunches to the free event, or they may pay \$7 for a box lunch that will include a beverage and specialty dessert.

Cash or check payable to the Satellites Auxiliary will be accepted. Complimentary valet service will be available at the Orthopaedics' entrance.

Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with Otto's talk at 12:15 p.m.

Walker was a dynamo, leading reforms her whole life. She was a feminist, abolitionist, temperance advocate and author. She also was president of the Dress Reform Association.

The Satellites Auxiliary is a volunteer group designed to promote education, research and service programs; provide support of patient programs in accordance with the needs and approval of administration; conduct fundraising events; and provide services.



Walker

To make a reservation, call Shirley Monto at 419.385.8594 or Carol Okenka at 419.893.5840.

UT begins renovation projects at Glass Bowl, Savage Arena

By Paul Helgren

The University will begin renovation projects this spring that will update its two main athletic structures on campus, UT Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O'Brien announced Friday.

Renovations to the east side of the Glass Bowl stadium will include new concession facilities, rest rooms, entry ways and a ticket booth, as well as an overall facelift to the façade near Stadium Drive. There also will be updates to the visitors' locker room. A new FieldTurf playing surface also will be installed on the Glass Bowl field. Work on these projects is underway.

At the same time, Savage Arena will undergo an expansion that will create new offices and work spaces for the men's and

women's basketball staffs, as well as an expansion of the Joe Grogan Room. The basketball offices will be built at the concourse level on the south end of the arena, directly beneath the expanded Grogan Room. The Grogan Room will be expanded toward the south, substantially increasing its current size. The addition also will create the potential for a future training table that would address the nutritional needs of UT's almost 400 student-athletes. This project will begin within the next few weeks.

The two renovation projects, which are expected to cost about \$6 million, will be funded through annual fundraising and other revenue sources. The Glass Bowl renovations are expected to be completed prior to

the start of the 2016 football season, while the Savage Arena project will be completed prior to the start of the 2016-17 basketball season.

O'Brien said that the two projects will address the most pressing needs for both facilities.

"The east side of the Glass Bowl has needed improvements and updates for some time now, especially in the concession and rest room areas," O'Brien said. "I'm confident that fans who sit on the east side of the stadium will appreciate the new amenities in that area."

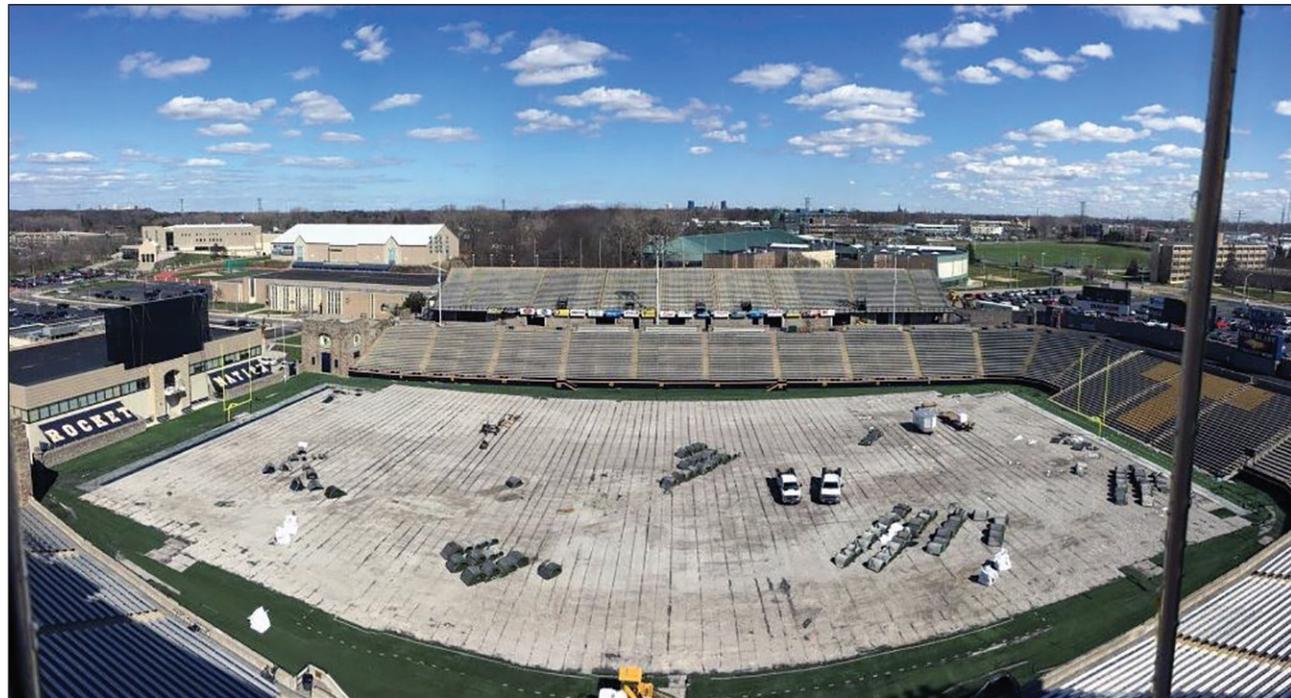
"The Savage expansion project will address two needs. First, we needed to do something about the lack of office space

for our athletic staff in Savage Arena. By creating new offices for our basketball programs, it not only provides them with an improved working area, it also creates additional much-needed office space for other staff members who will move into their vacant offices. Second, the popularity of the Grogan Room has made it necessary for us to expand that area. We will be able to accommodate more of our fans and supporters on game night, and we will also be better able to host other functions in that venue, as well."

For information on how to become involved in the project, contact Senior Associate Athletic Director Dave Nottke at david.nottke@utoledo.edu.

Turf's up

A new FieldTurf playing surface will be installed on the Glass Bowl field.



New look

This rendering shows what the new façade on the east side of the Glass Bowl may look like.

Off the shelf



Photo by Daniel Miller

Collins Imoh checked out the used book sale last week in Carlson Library. The event brought in more than \$600 that will be used to acquire new books for the collection, according to Barbara Floyd, interim director of University Libraries. The sale was part of UT's tribute to National Library Week.

Paperwork



Photo by Daniel Miller

Lori Harrison learned how to make handcrafted paper during a workshop April 8 in Carlson Library. Karen Roderick-Lingeman, senior lecturer in the UT Art Department, gave the demonstration, which was part of UT Libraries' celebration of National Library Week.

Presto



Photo by Daniel Miller

Barbara Floyd, interim director of University Libraries, and Timothy Geiger, UT professor of English, examined a book that was created during a letterpress demonstration. Geiger led the presentation in Memorial Field House as part of UT Libraries' celebration of National Library Week.

CARLSON LIBRARY REMINDER

Renovations on the third and fourth floors of Carlson Library are scheduled to begin Monday, May 9.

That means faculty, graduate students and undergraduates must check out materials located on those floors that they may need for the summer by Friday, May 6.

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Anatomy donor memorial service to take place April 24

The UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences will hold its Anatomy Donor Memorial Service Sunday, April 24, in Nitschke Hall Auditorium.

Held annually, this service is a private ceremony where family and friends of those who have donated their bodies for medical education and research are invited for a time of remembrance.

Keynote speakers, faculty and students will talk about the importance and impact of the donor program and convey their gratitude.

The service also will honor donors and their families with a live musical program performed by students.

“As first-year medical students, we are profoundly grateful for the sacrifice these individuals have chosen to make in the name of medical education. Their selfless gift allows us to go beyond our textbooks and lectures and learn anatomy in the most realistic way possible, by identifying different structures in a real-world context and fully appreciating their relationships to each other in a three-dimensional framework,” Kevin Zhang, a first-year medical student, said.

In addition to its educational value, the Anatomical Donation Program makes it possible for medical research to be conducted. Several researchers will be present at the memorial service.

“The donated bodies provide insight into physiological processes for researchers and lay the foundational anatomical knowledge for the next generation of health-care providers,” Zhang said. “In this way, donors have a lasting impact even after they have passed away.”

Once a cadaver has been fully studied, the remains are cremated and returned to a family member or interred in UT’s communal memorial plot at the Historic Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo.

The Anatomical Donation Program was started at MCO in 1969, and it continues to stay strong thanks to the generosity of donors and the Department of Neurosciences, which manages the program.

“Over time, the process of donation has been streamlined to make it straightforward for individuals to become donors, knowing that all cadavers are treated and cared for with gratitude, professionalism, and respect throughout the entire time that they are studied,” Zhang said.

Anybody who is interested in becoming a donor, or who would like to learn more about the Anatomical Donation Program and memorial service can contact the Department of Neurosciences at 419.383.4109, send an email to bodydonation@utoledo.edu, or visit <http://utole.do/neurosciencesdonation>.

Powerful message



Photo by Daniel Miller

Brad Holben and Alexis Hansen looked at shirts from the Clothesline Project that were on display last week on Centennial Mall as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Clothesline Project is an initiative in which women affected by violence create shirts to be displayed as part of their healing process. The UT Sexual Assault and Prevention Program held the event to raise awareness and educate students about sexual violence on college campuses. Two more events are slated for the month: Denim Day Wednesday, April 27, when campus community members are asked to wear jeans to raise awareness of rape and sexual assault, and Toledo’s Take Back the Night Friday, April 29 — see details at facebook.com/tbntoledo.

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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.

UT Chapter of Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi to initiate new members

The University of Toledo Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi will hold its initiation ceremony for new members Saturday, April 23, at 1 p.m. in the Student Union Ingman Room.

More than 70 undergraduate and graduate students and three UT faculty members will be inducted into the honor society this year.

Dr. Dale Snauwaert, UT professor of educational foundations and leadership, will present the keynote address.

Student inductees into the honorary must be among the top in their class as juniors or seniors or in their graduate program to qualify for membership.

In addition to inducting new members, the society will honor four \$500 scholarship winners. The winners were selected based upon academic performance, an essay, and letters of recommendation from faculty members. The winners are:

- **Tala Abou-Dahech** (Toledo), a freshman majoring in speech-language pathology. Valedictorian for her Toledo Early College High School class, Abou-Dahech also was a winner of a Jefferson Award for public service through Leadership Toledo, and a BCSN Student of the Month. She is active in many University and community groups. In her essay for the scholarship, Abou-Dahech wrote of the important role that the Toledo Early College High School played in her life by giving her confidence to succeed in college. Stephanie Hughes, associate professor in the UT Speech-Language Pathology Program, noted in her recommendation letter that Abou-Dahech “represents the best and brightest of the speech-language pathology undergraduate program.”
- **Lucille Frank** (Wauseon, Ohio), a junior, majoring in political science and French. In addition to many volunteer activities, she has served as an intern in the office of Toledo’s mayor. She has conducted research on the Keystone XL Pipeline, human trafficking, mental illness and food sustainability. In her essay, Frank wrote about her difficult transition from growing up in a small town to studying at UT, and her experience living and studying abroad in France. As Dr. Larry Connin, professor in the Jesup Scott Honors College, noted in his recommendation letter, “Lucy is one of the most active and engaged students I have been around. She is a committed activist and a ‘doer’ — always on the lookout to embrace the next new experience.”



- **Megan Post** (Fort Recovery, Ohio), a freshman majoring in pharmaceutical sciences and pre-med. In addition to a full schedule of work and volunteer activities, Post wrote in her essay about becoming certified as an emergency medical technician and volunteering with her county’s emergency squad. In his recommendation letter, Dr. Isaac Schiefer, assistant professor of medicinal and biological chemistry, stated that he selected Post to serve as a researcher in his laboratory, and that “Megan is exceptionally mature for her age and has a good grasp of her eventual career goals.” Post is one of two bachelor of science in pharmaceutical science scholars in her class in the UT College of Pharmacy.
- **Lekha Vemuru** (Toledo), a sophomore majoring in biology. She is active in many University organizations, and was selected last summer to conduct research in the lab of Dr. John Plenefisch, associate professor and associate chair of biological sciences, investigating cellular movement. In her essay for the scholarship, Vemuru wrote about the emotional experience of working in Managua, Nicaragua, over spring break teaching English and Spanish to children there. Sharon Schnarre, UT pre-med adviser, described Vemuru as “warm and caring, and I am confident she will be successful in her pursuit of a career as a physician and an asset to the profession.”

In addition to the undergraduate and graduate students who will be inducted into the honor society, three UT faculty members also will be inducted: Kelly Moore, associate professor of law and interim dean of the Jesup Scott Honors College; Dr. Martin J. Ohlinger, clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice; and Dr. Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch, associate professor of history.

For more information, contact UT chapter Phi Kappa Phi President Wade Lee, associate professor of library administration, at 419.530.4490.

Flying colors

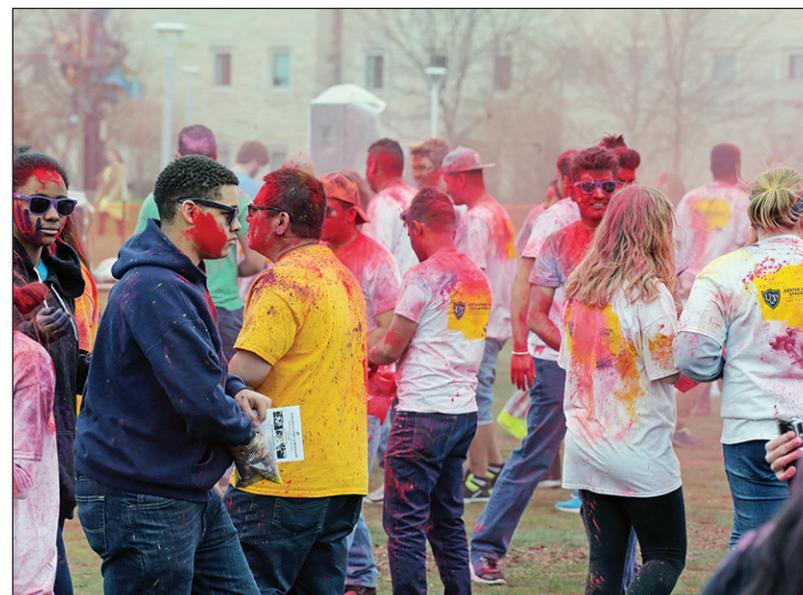


Photo by Daniel Miller

Students participated last week in Holi, an Indian holiday to welcome spring. To receive color powder to toss, students visited booths to learn about the diversity of religious and cultural perspectives.

Happiness is a warm puppy

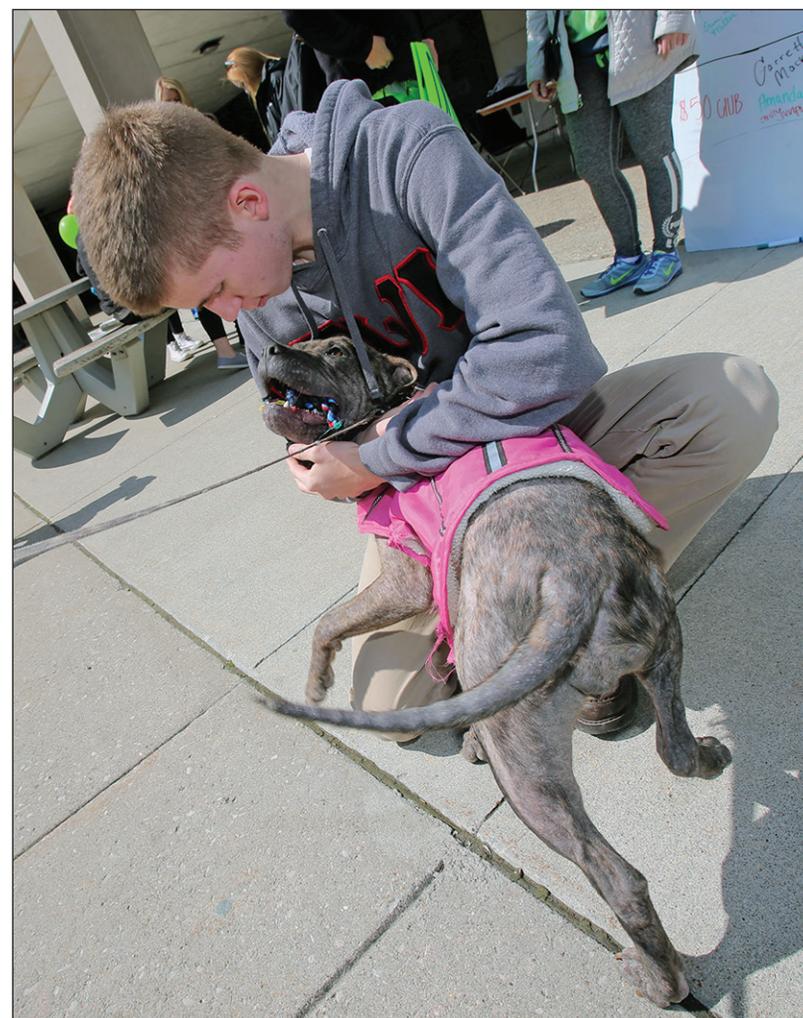


Photo by Daniel Miller

Logan Curl gave Layla a hug Thursday in front of the Student Union. Layla and a couple other dogs from the Toledo Area Humane Society were on campus as part of RockeTHON’s Miracle Week. If you missed that canine comfort, check out Doggypalooza Wednesday, April 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Centennial Mall. The dogs will be back on campus as part of Student Appreciation Day.

UT Online to host Ohio Quality Matters Annual Member Meeting May 12

By Ashley Gearheart

The Ohio Quality Matters Consortium's Fourth Annual Member Meeting will be hosted by UT Online at The University of Toledo Thursday, May 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Student Union Ingman Room and will kick off with a continental breakfast and welcome by UT President Sharon L. Gaber.

Hosting the event on UT's campus serves as a way for the University to support the Ohio Consortium and Quality Matters' continued implementation throughout the state, said Dr. Barbara Kopp Miller, associate provost for online education.

"We felt that the event would make for a unique and engaging way to showcase the benefits of the Quality Matters program to UT faculty," she said.

Quality Matters, a faculty-centered, peer review process designed to ensure

quality in online and blended courses, was first adopted by the University in 2011. Since then, 12 UT courses have received official Quality Matters recognition, and 16 UT faculty members have become certified to serve as Quality Matters peer reviewers.

Throughout each academic year, UT Online awards professional development grants for experienced online instructors to complete the Peer Reviewer Course and serve on official Quality Matters review teams.

This year's meeting theme is "QM: The Heart of It All," and the event will include hands-on sessions and opportunities to network with colleagues and peers from across the state.

Quality Matters-related research opportunities, faculty development initiatives, online accessibility, instructional strategies for learner interaction and

engagement, and competency-based education will be topics of discussion at the meeting.

The Annual Member Meeting is free to attend for all Ohio QM Consortium members, including UT faculty.

"Attending the annual member meeting is a great way to connect with faculty and staff from other institutions and gain fresh, innovative ideas for online course design," said Rachel Barnes, instructional designer and planning committee member. "It's also an ideal place for those who are not familiar with Quality Matters to learn more about the peer review process, research and professional development opportunities that are available."

Event registration is open through Monday, May 2, and can be accessed online at <https://ohioqm2016.eventbrite.com>.



For more information about the event, the course review process, or the professional development grant, contact Phoebe Ballard, director of instructional design and development, at 419.530.4379 or phoebe.ballard@utoledo.edu.

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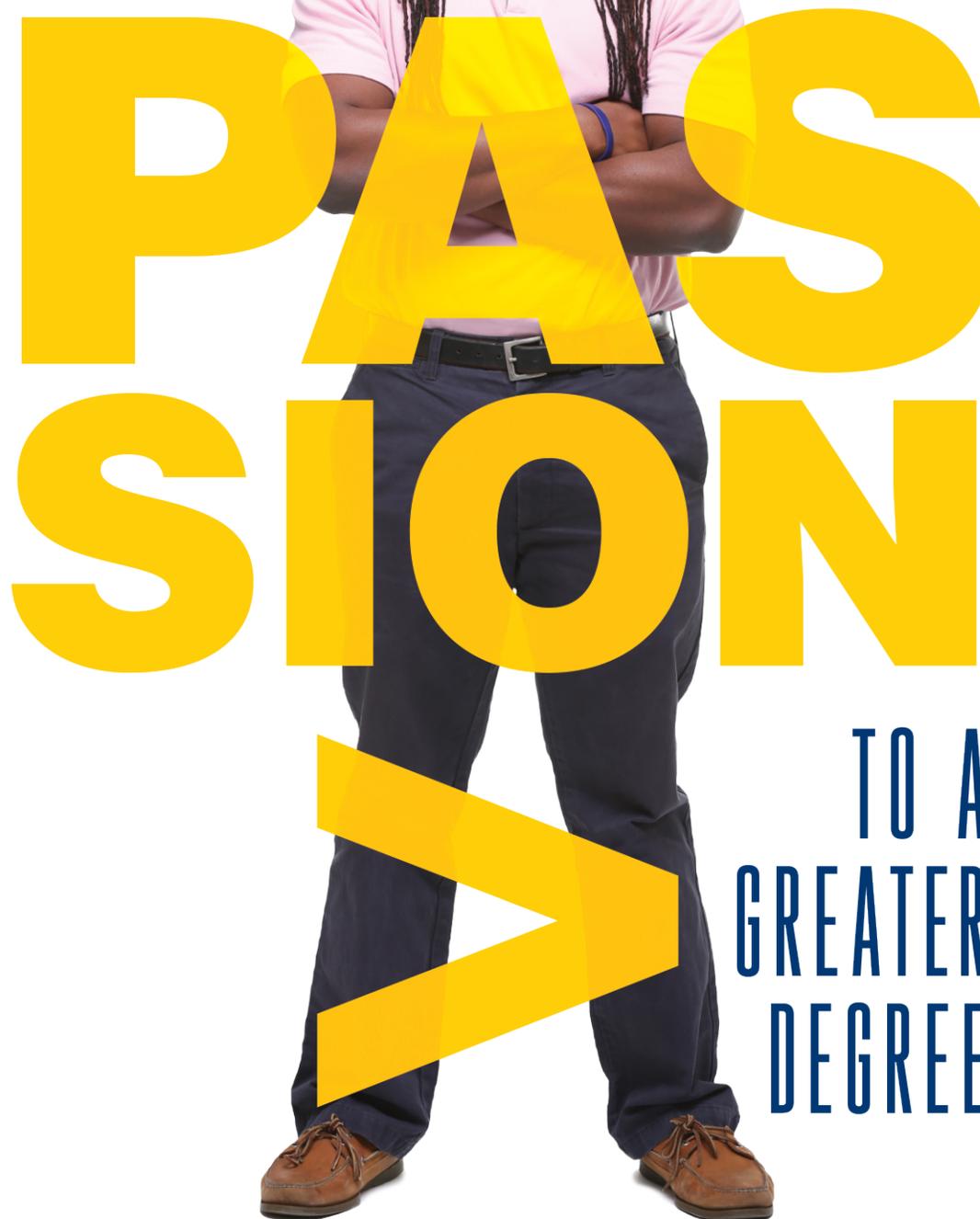
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