

Tribute to trailblazer



Photos by Daniel Miller

Naomi Sims Thompson, the widow of Dr. Lancelot C.A. Thompson, and UT President Sharon L. Gaber unveiled a photo and plaque as daughter Carol Thompson watched during a dedication ceremony Nov. 7 when the Student Union was renamed in honor of the longtime UT professor and administrator who devoted his career to student success. Thompson family members also posed for a photo with alumni members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.'s Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter and student members of the Epsilon Alpha Chapter in front of the building's new exterior signage, which also was revealed at the ceremony. The UT Board of Trustees voted to approve the renaming of the building to the Lancelot Thompson Student Union. Thompson, who died Sept. 10 at age 91, was professor emeritus of chemistry who served 20 years as the University's first vice president for student affairs. A trailblazer, Thompson was the first African-American full-time faculty member at the University in 1958 and the first black faculty member to receive tenure. He went on to become the first African-American vice president.

Undergraduate student presents cancer research at global conference

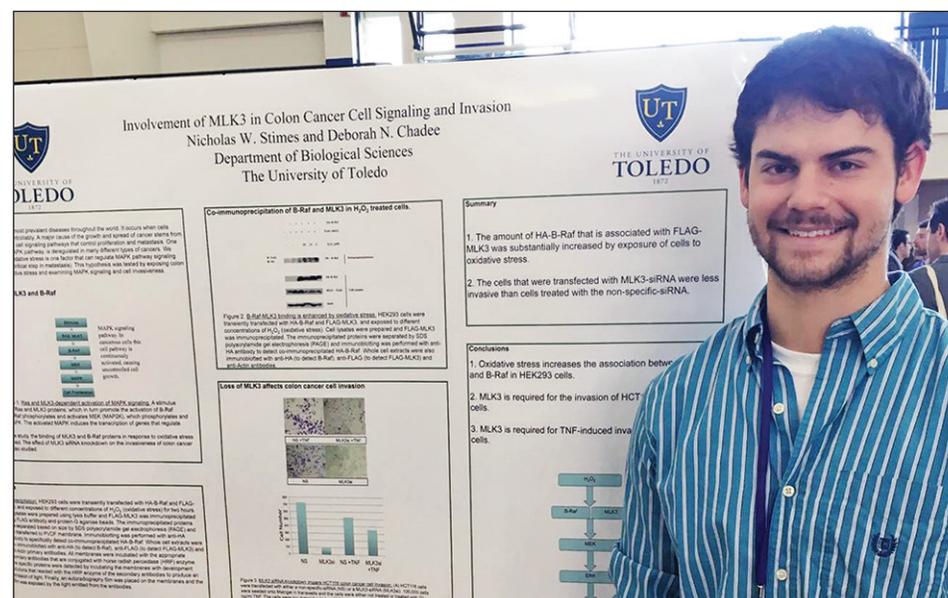
By Christine Billau

A junior studying biology at The University of Toledo is one of 200 students around the globe chosen to participate this week at the inaugural World Congress on Undergraduate Research.

Nicholas Stimes, who is studying abroad in England this semester, will present his work on colon cancer cells at the conference Nov. 13-15 at Qatar University in Qatar, a country located in the Persian Gulf.

"It is an honor to represent UT at a global conference and share the meaningful research I have been working on for several years that will help develop cancer-targeting drugs and improve current treatment options for patients," Stimes said. "This also is an opportunity to experience a new culture

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GOING GLOBAL: Nicholas Stimes, a junior majoring in biology, will present his work on colon cancer at the inaugural World Congress on Undergraduate Research at Qatar University in Qatar.

UTMC named outstanding performer in federal program

By Rebecca Schwan

The University of Toledo Medical Center has been recognized by Vizient's Hospital Engagement Network as an Outstanding Performer for its efforts toward achieving patient safety goals.

The award recognizes the highest level of performance a participating hospital can earn, ranking within the top 18 percent of the network hospitals that achieved goals set by the federal Partnerships for Patients initiative.

The Partnerships for Patients initiative is led by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to improve the quality, safety and affordability of health care.

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UT named 2017 Military Friendly School

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo has been recognized as a top school for supporting student veterans.

Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs®, STEM JobsSM and Military Spouse, announced Nov. 10 UT earned the 2017 Military Friendly® School designation.

First published in 2009, the Military Friendly® Schools list each year helps service members and their families select the best college, university or trade school to receive the education and training needed to pursue a civilian career.

“Our ability to apply a clear, consistent standard to the majority of colleges gives veterans a comprehensive view of which schools are striving to provide the best opportunities and conditions for our nation’s student veterans,” said Daniel Nichols, a Navy Reserve veteran and chief product officer at Victory Media. “Military Friendly® helps military families make the best use of the Post-9/11 GI Bill and other federal benefits while allowing us to further our goal of assisting them in finding success in their chosen career fields.”

Institutions that earn the designation are evaluated using both public data sources and responses to a Victory Media survey. More than 1,600 schools participated in the 2017 survey, and 1,160 were awarded with the designation.



“We are grateful for our student veterans’ service to our nation and the positive impact they have on our University and in our communities,” said Navy Reserve Lt. Haraz N. Ghanbari, UT director of military and veteran affairs. “Being named a Military Friendly School reflects the University’s commitment to honoring our veterans and helping them succeed.”

Military Times and Military Advanced Education & Transition also recognized UT in their 2017 rankings for the service and support provided to service members, veterans and their families.

Military Times lists UT in its Best for Vets: Colleges 2017 rankings that evaluates the factors that make colleges and universities a good fit for members of the military and veterans.

Military Advanced Education & Transition named UT a top school in its 2017 Guide to Colleges & Universities research study.

UT to partner with Lucas County to evaluate grant program

By Rebecca Schwan

The Lucas County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council recently received a nearly \$650,000 federal grant to provide transition services to individuals living in halfway houses after serving prison sentences.

The three-year program funded by the U.S. Department of Justice seeks to assist 100 to 150 male offenders with co-occurring disorders, such as addiction or mental health illness, in an effort to reduce the county’s recidivism rate of 22.6 percent.

The University of Toledo will receive \$77,081 of that funding to serve as an outside investigator to assess the results of the program.

“Every program funded by a federal grant is required to be evaluated for its success,” said Dr. John Laux, professor of counselor education and associate dean for student affairs in the College of Health and Human Services, who will be the program evaluator.

“We will serve as a neutral observer of their program methods. Our job is to measure effectiveness of the program in an effort to determine its effectiveness.”

The funding UT receives will support two graduate students in the counselor education program with tuition and a stipend for research related to the evaluation of the program.

“The students selected to assist with the research affiliated with this program will have a unique opportunity to learn more about the populations they will someday serve,” Laux said. “It also can open the door of opportunity leading to future PhD studies in the field.”

Laux said it is a unique way the University can serve the community.

“Our department is proud to partner with the county to support them in their efforts as they work to help former inmates overcome obstacles that can lead to recidivism,” he said.

Final salute



Photo by Cameron Norton

UT Army ROTC Cadet Erica Loroff held several unions from flags to be retired during a Nov. 10 ceremony in front of the Thompson Student Union. According to the U.S. Flag Code, when an American flag is torn, tattered or faded and is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. The event was organized by the Student Veterans of America UT Chapter and held in honor of Veterans Day.

Research funding topic of talks Nov. 21, 22

To grow research funding and collaboration opportunities, The University of Toledo recently joined Oak Ridge Associated Universities.

The organization of more than 100 PhD-granting universities promotes partnerships to advance research and education in concert with federal agencies, including Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Dr. Arlene Garrison, vice president of university partnerships for Oak Ridge Associated Universities, will visit UT next week.

She will discuss “Oak Ridge Associated Universities — The University Value Proposition” Monday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. in Nitschke Hall Room 1027 and Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 3:30 p.m. in Center for Creative Education Room 1217. Her presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Garrison is responsible for Oak Ridge Associated Universities’ scientific research opportunities and expanding partnerships with schools, national laboratories and private industry.

Under Garrison’s direction, the University Partnerships Office provides

awards to Oak Ridge Associated Universities members; identifies and promotes funding opportunities by facilitating inter-institutional relationships; and leverages relationships with other organizations to support increased funding for scientific research and education.

“Faculty, staff and students interested in learning more about how UT’s membership with Oak Ridge Associated Universities can benefit them should attend one of these sessions,” Dr. Frank Calzonetti, vice president of research, said.

Oak Ridge Associated Universities provides innovative scientific and technical solutions to advance research and education, protect public health and the environment, and strengthen national security. The organization works with federal, state, local and commercial customers to advance national priorities and serve the public interest.

The nonprofit corporation and federal contractor manages the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Influenza vaccine dates added for Health Science Campus

By Rebecca Schwan

The deadline for UT Health faculty, staff, residents, students, health-care workers and volunteers to receive their influenza vaccine is Wednesday, Nov. 30.

In an effort to reach 100 percent compliance for the universal flu shot policy, six additional vaccine administration dates have been added.

The universal flu shot policy was adopted last year as an effort to prevent the spread of influenza and to keep employees and patients healthy.

“We have seen a pretty good response so far, and approximately 70 percent of those required to get a flu shot have already done so,” said Kip Miller, director of primary care clinics. “We have added six more opportunities for the remaining individuals to receive their vaccine for free here at UTMC.”

Vaccines are required for individuals who work in the hospital and ambulatory clinics, and those whose duties require them to enter patient care areas.

Shots will be administered from 7 to 10 a.m. on the first floor of the hospital outside the gift shop on the following dates:

- Tuesday, Nov. 15;
- Thursday, Nov. 17;
- Monday, Nov. 21;
- Wednesday, Nov. 23;
- Tuesday, Nov. 29; and
- Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Individuals should complete the vaccine administration questionnaire at <https://webinfluenzaapp.utoledo.edu> prior to receiving a vaccination to expedite the registration process.



Nov. 15-22

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- First floor hospital outside of the gift shop 7 – 10 a.m.

Nov. 17

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Nov. 21

- First floor hospital outside of the gift shop 7 – 10 a.m.

Vaccinations are available 24 hours a day in Nursing Administration, Mulford Library Annex, second floor.

Those who choose to receive a flu shot at their doctor’s office or other clinic need to upload proof of immunization to

the UT influenza vaccine website. Proof of vaccination is required by Thursday, Dec. 1.

Save the date

*President Sharon L. Gaber’s
Holiday Open House*

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*Thursday, Dec. 8
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Driscoll Alumni Center*

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The organization’s goals are to reduce preventable inpatient harm by 40 percent and readmissions by 20 percent, with an emphasis on 10 core areas of focus, including adverse drug events, readmissions, surgical site and other infections, and hospital-related illnesses.

“Through the outstanding commitment and work of our physicians, nurses and staff, we have met or exceeded the expectations of this program,” said Dan Barbee, interim chief executive officer of UTMC. “Our care teams continually strive to provide the best patient care experience possible, and this recognition affirms we are meeting that goal.”

More than 240 hospitals across the country participated in the three-year program.

Vizient is a national network of not-for-profit health-care organizations working to improve performance and efficiency in clinical, financial and operational management. The Hospital Engagement Network works with hospitals to make care safer, more reliable and less costly by meeting the goals set by the Partnerships for Patients initiative.

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.

Call Joanne Gray at 419.530.5157 to schedule an appointment before Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Photos will appear in an upcoming issue of the paper.

In memoriam

Marlyn “Marly” Jean (Theiler) Reider, Perrysburg, a teaching associate in the College of Nursing from 1990 to 1993, died Nov. 1 at age 80.

Roderick C. Stokes, Toledo, a former employee who worked in Maintenance, died Nov. 2 at age 64.

UT Health physician warns allergy season extends into fall and winter

By Rebecca Schwan

As the warmth of early fall gives way to crisp evenings and the start of the holiday season, thoughts of raking leaves and a crackling fire come to mind. But not everyone can enjoy the crunch of drying leaves and the scent of wood burning in the fireplace.



Kriegel

The 30 percent of adults and 40 percent of children who are affected by nasal allergies in the United States know the sneezing, stuffy nose, sinus pressure, itchy eyes and cough of seasonal allergies are not always resolved the change of seasons.

University of Toledo Health Allergist and Immunologist Dr. Svetlana I. Kriegel recommends those affected learn their triggers and symptoms and ways to avoid

exposure to allergens to reduce the misery of nasal allergies.

"The most common are seasonal pollen allergies in the spring, summer and fall. About 70 percent of patients with spring allergies also have allergy symptoms in the fall," Kriegel said. "We have seen a drop in temperature and with it a drop in ragweed pollen, the primary fall allergen."

Kriegel said patients are starting to notice a change, but we aren't out of the woods yet, and other allergens like mold are actually triggering allergic symptoms.

"The fungi take advantage of the fallen leaves and decaying vegetation this time of year and can be found in compost piles, cut grasses, wooded areas, soils, lawn debris and other moist surfaces," Kriegel said. "In order to reduce the exposure to molds, I suggest avoiding raking leaves altogether or wearing a particle mask if you must work outside."

A hard frost will eventually kill the foliage and bring the outdoor molds to the dormant state. However, Kriegel said indoor molds can still be troublesome,

especially with humidity levels more than 50 percent. The damp air allows molds to flourish in poorly ventilated areas like attics, bathrooms, basements and under kitchen sinks.

"As we close windows and start running heaters, indoor allergens, including dust mites, pets, cockroaches and molds, become predominant allergy triggers," Kriegel said. "Luckily, effective avoidance measures can diminish exposure, thus decrease nasal, eye and chest symptoms. I always teach my patients this first line of defense."

Kriegel said it is important to consider other indoor allergens as we settle in for the winter.

"As we are coming to the holiday season, we all should be jolly and happy," she said. "Be mindful of your guests who could have an allergic or asthmatic reaction to indoor triggers."

Smoke from fireplaces and wood burners, scented candles, air fresheners and pets can cause problems for allergy sufferers.

"If you purchase a live Christmas tree, you are at risk for carrying millions of mold spores into your home in its bark," she said. "This mold can cause worsening of allergies and asthma in sensitive adults and kids."

When avoidance measures are not enough to minimize suffering from allergies or when patients also experience episodic cough, wheezing or chest tightness, Kriegel develops an individualized care strategy for each patient.

"Pharmacological therapy for patients with allergies and asthma made great advances in recent years," she said. "Medicines can significantly improve the quality of life of allergic individuals. Nonetheless, for the most bothersome, persistent and difficult to treat symptoms, allergen immunotherapy offers a great advantage. For the right patient, allergy shots can reduce suffering from asthma and potentially cure his or her allergies."

Zeta Phi Eta to host professional development event Nov. 17

By Carly Wiegand

The UT chapter of Zeta Phi Eta, a national professional communication and arts and sciences fraternity, will host the Future Leaders Series Thursday, Nov. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Rocky's Attic in the Thompson Student Union.

The professional development event will feature a discussion panel with representatives from local companies, including The Blade, Hart Inc., BCSN, 9.25 KISS FM and UT's social media team.

This will be a great opportunity for students who are interested in broadcasting, radio, marketing, public relations, journalism and higher education to network and build relationships with area companies, according to Zach Harig, professional development chair of the UT chapter of Zeta Phi Eta. Bringing resumés is encouraged.

"As an organization, we feel that it is essential for fellow students to get a firsthand look at what their respective career fields look like. For example, what it takes to be successful, things you might experience, and how to land the dream job," Harig said.

Zeta Phi Eta is hosting this event to start a dialogue among underclassmen about the communication field as a whole and professionalism within it.

Savannah Joslin, president of Zeta Phi Eta at UT, said, "It's important for students to start making connections in the field early so they can seek out internships and experiential learning opportunities."

"I truly hope this event, which features several incredible speakers and professionals inside the communication field, can help benefit fellow UT students," Harig said.

Harig added he hopes students walk away motivated to work harder in their career fields.

"These speakers have years of experience and, in turn, have worked in different environments that bring several different and unique lessons and pointers for students," Harig said.

The free, public event is geared toward students who are studying or looking to learn more about the communication and marketing field.

For more information, contact zachary.harig@rockets.utoledo.edu, or follow Zeta Phi Eta on Twitter @zeta_utoledo.

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Department of Theatre to stage Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest'

By Angela Riddel

The University of Toledo Department of Theatre and Film will present "The Importance of Being Earnest" Friday through Sunday, Nov. 18-20 and Dec. 2-4.

Performance times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. All performances will be held in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre.

Written by Oscar Wilde, the UT production of "The Importance of Being Earnest" is directed by James Stover, visiting assistant professor of theatre.

Against the backdrop of 1908 London and its stiff, Victorian societal conventions, two friends find the pseudonym of Ernest usually covers their socially unacceptable behavior — until it doesn't.

"Downton Abbey" fans will recognize the Victorian social and class structures that are at the heart of the play's story. Wilde's colorful characters and witty dialogue expose the stuffy conventions for what they truly were.

Although the set and costume will reflect the period, Stover said he plans to

present the play in the style of a modern sitcom.

"The relationships between the characters are timeless and as relevant today as ever," he added. "The play is so well-written and well-constructed that it's possible to have fun, silly, even wildly comedic moments, while still being able to tell Oscar Wilde's story."

Cast members are UT students Bryan Harkins as Algernon; Nolan Thomaswick as Jack; Faith Murphy as Lady Bracknell; Xaverie Baker as Cecily; Christina Pinciotti as Gwendolyn; Sarena Jackson as Miss Prism; Durell Roberts as the Rev. Chausable; and Tyler Mitchell as Lane and Merriman.

Tickets are \$8 for students and children; \$10 for UT faculty, staff and alumni, and military members and seniors; and \$15 for the general public. Call 419.530.ARTS (2787) or order online at utoledo.tix.com. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Bowling event to bring together youth, men and women in uniform

By Carly Wiegand

With all the tension going on between police and civilians, George W. Hayes Jr. believes some people have forgotten how to trust.

With the intent to bridge the trust level between young people in the Toledo area and the surrounding area with men and women in uniform, the UT electrician journeyman 2 and Toledo Bowling Senate junior coordinator organized the Build-A-Trust-Bowl-A-Thon.

The event will take place Saturday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m. at the Toledo Sports Center, 1516 Starr Ave. Police, firefighters, military, kids, students and community members are encouraged to attend.

Hayes said his hope is to make Toledo a better place, even if it's one event at a

time. He has been involved in a youth bowling league for the past 32 years and has witnessed firsthand the issues affecting today's youth.

"People need to be able to tell someone when something bad happens; it helps us all in the long run. Trust is a must; not all folks in uniform are bad people, and the same goes for the individuals not in uniform," Hayes said.

The cost to bowl three games is \$5 per person. Kids 17 and younger bowl for free courtesy of Jon Harris of McDonald's; Harris is helping sponsor the event.

There will be music and door prizes during the bowl-a-thon.

For more information, contact Hayes at george.hayes@utoledo.edu.



Photo by Angela Riddel

ADMIRATION SOCIETY: Earnest, a.k.a. Jack (Nolan Thomaswick), with his love interest, Gwendolyn (Christina Pinciotti), in a rehearsal scene from UT's production of "The Importance of Being Earnest."

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The Toledo Bowling Senate Junior Coordinator
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Events planned for International Education Week Nov. 14-18

By Cathy Zimmer

“International Education Week is not only an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchanging worldwide, but also a great opportunity for students to study and work with people from other countries and cultures,” said Frances Bradford, International Education Week coordinator.

“There will be fun, academic opportunities for students, faculty and staff. This initiative aims to promote international understanding and build support for international education exchange. We are honored to share our different cultures and experiences to bring that unique diversity to UT,” Bradford added.

Listed by date, highlights of International Education Week will include:

MONDAY, NOV. 14

- Passport Day: Students can stop in and schedule a passport appointment, which includes a free passport photo, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1000.
- Education Abroad Information Session: Come hear about specific European education abroad experiences from noon to 1 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100.
- Tea ceremony: Join the Confucius Institute for tea from 11 a.m. to noon in the Thompson Student Union Trimble Lounge.

TUESDAY, NOV. 15

- Fulbright for Scholars: Students and faculty are invited to learn about the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, which provides teaching

and research grants to faculty and professionals in more than 125 countries worldwide, from noon to 1 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100.

- Education Abroad Information Session: Learn about specific Latin America education abroad experiences from 3 to 4 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100.
- “Crossing Borders,” screening of a documentary that follows four Moroccan and four American students as they travel together through Morocco, 7 p.m. in Center for Performing Arts Room 1039.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

- International Village: Sample international foods, take part in activities, and see performances by UT international students during International Village. International Student Association’s member organizations will showcase the different cultures that they represent from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium.
- Education Abroad Information Session: Learn about specific Australia education abroad experiences from noon to 1 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100.
- Student Scholarships and Awards: Learn more about the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, which provides annual grants to study, conduct research, or teach English

worldwide from 2 to 3 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100.

THURSDAY, NOV. 17

- Employment for F-1 and J-1 International Students: Learn how to apply for Optional Practical Training and Curricular Practical Training from 10 to 11 a.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100.
- Travel Workshop for F-1 and J-1 International Students: This travel workshop will focus on what you need to know before you travel outside the U.S., noon to 1 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Room 1100.
- H-1B Non-Immigrant Status Presentation: Learn about the H-1B process. There will be a summarized presentation of how the H-1B process works at UT from 2 to 3 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100.
- Education Abroad Information Session: Hear about specific Asia education abroad experiences from 3 to 4 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100.
- Taste of Toledo: Experience a taste of Toledo with transportation to Zia’s Italian from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friends are invited.

FRIDAY, NOV. 18

- Faculty International Study, Teaching and Research Opportunities: Faculty are invited to learn more about the Fulbright Scholar Program, University Studies Abroad Consortium Visiting

Professor Program, the Confucius Institute Educator to Educator Program, and UT international grants, 10 to 11 a.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100.

- Costumes and Tea Ceremony: Join the Confucius Institute for an event from 11 a.m. to noon in the Thompson Student Union Trimble Lounge.
- Education Abroad Information Session: Learn about funding your experience through scholarships, grants, loans and fundraising from noon to 1 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100.

For a complete list of International Education Week events, visit utoledo.edu/cisp/iew.

International Education Week celebrates diversity of voices and the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of their efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

For more information, contact the Center for International Studies and Programs at cisp@utoledo.edu or 419.530.5268.

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Support charities of your choice: ‘Simply Give’ to UTC3

By Christine Wasserman

A couple in their 90s is still able to live in their own home due to meals delivered weekly right to their own doorstep. A 5-year-old cancer patient anticipates a trip to Disney World when his Make-A-Wish dream comes true. A laid-off mother of two tearfully accepts toys so her kids each find something under the Christmas tree. And another abandoned litter of puppies has been placed in foster care, safe and well cared for, until forever homes are found for each.

These lives — and thousands of others — have all been helped through local charities supported by The University of Toledo’s Community Charitable Campaign, UTC3, which runs through Wednesday, Dec. 28. This year, every faculty and staff member is asked to “Simply Give” whatever amount he or she personally can afford.

Dr. Kaye M. Patten, senior vice president for student affairs and UTC3’s 2016 campaign chairperson, said, “If you’ve ever been down on your luck, and we all have at one time or another, then you know



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that sometimes even the smallest gesture can make the biggest difference. That’s what this year’s campaign is all about — the spirit of generosity. Collectively, we can make a huge difference by letting others know we care. So, even if you give just one dollar, please give.”

Donors may designate their gift to specific charities of their choice. To see the complete list of charities supported by UTC3, visit utoledo.edu/utc3. Make your gift by completing an ePledge form, accessible in weekly emails from Patten.

Each UTC3 donor will receive a free, long-sleeved UT T-shirt, plus an invitation to a University breakfast in early January. Follow the progress of this year’s UTC3 campaign at utoledo.edu/utc3.

Career Services open house to celebrate National Career Development Week

By Cathy Zimmer

The Center for Experiential Learning and Career Services will host an open house Thursday, Nov. 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Student Union Room 1533.

“The campus community is invited to stop by our open house to learn about our programs and services, meet our staff, and enjoy some refreshments,” said Shelly Drouillard, director for the Center for Experiential Learning and Career Services.

“We especially encourage students to stop in for mini 10- to 15-minute drop-in sessions that will be offered throughout the open house on a variety of topics, including career and major exploration; mock interviews; resumé, cover letter and LinkedIn profile reviews; and Rocket Jobs demos — where students can find on- and off-campus employment.”

She said there will be a week of activities planned to engage both the campus and the greater Toledo community.

Related to community outreach, Drouillard will present a career development workshop as part of a professional development series with the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women Monday,

Nov. 14. On Wednesday, Nov. 16, the Center for Experiential Learning and Career Services will host a lunch-and-learn webinar on employing international students with participation from the Toledo Chamber of Commerce and other career-focused professional staff from around campus.

“We also are coordinating with the instructors of the Career and Self-Evaluation course to offer a LinkedIn profile contest in conjunction with a related course assignment,” she said.

Drouillard and her team are excited to showcase all the diverse ways they support career development learning initiatives as an academic affairs department and in collaboration with many University partners internally and externally.

The open house and other activities are part of National Career Development Week, which is sponsored by the National Career Development Association.

The Center for Experiential Learning and Career Services works to connect students to meaningful learning experiences and assists students with major and career exploration.

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and learn about dozens of other research projects.”

The 20-year-old started working in Dr. Deborah Chadee’s lab as a first-year student. For the past two years, Stimes continued to work in her lab as part of the summer fellowship program through the UT Office of Undergraduate Research.

“It is wonderful for an undergraduate to have an opportunity to present research at an international conference,” Chadee, associate professor of biological sciences, said. “Nick has done outstanding work. I am very excited that he was selected to present his research on proteins called MAP kinases and their function in controlling the growth and spread of colon cancer cells.”

Through his experiments, Stimes helped discover a way to slow the spread of colon cancer cells and identified what may be blocking the effectiveness of a drug known for attacking proteins associated with the spread of cancer.

“Without a specific protein called MLK3, cells are less invasive and have

impaired ability to spread or metastasize,” Stimes said. “Then we experimented with the drug called geldanamycin, which is being tested in clinical trials and has shown promising results with other cancers. Geldanamycin reduced levels of MLK3. However, we demonstrated that hydrogen peroxide and other reactive oxygen species that are common in cells block geldanamycin from working.”

The goal of Stimes’ research, titled “Oxidative Stress and MAPK Signaling in Colon Cancer Cells,” is to provide information about a possible therapeutic target for new colon cancer treatments.

“You can think of it as a significant piece of a much larger puzzle,” Stimes said.

According to organizers of the World Congress on Undergraduate Research, “Our aim is to bring together the best undergraduate research in the world to focus our collective minds on some of the most significant challenges facing the global community today.”

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