

Holiday happening



Photos by Daniel Miller

President Sharon L. Gaber and Donovan Nichols, assistant dean for student involvement and leadership, smiled for the camera Dec. 8 at the president's holiday open house in the Driscoll Alumni Center. This is the second year for the tradition Gaber started.

Distinguished educator to deliver commencement address Dec. 17

By Christine Wasserman

Toledo native Dr. Timothy Law Snyder, president of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, will present the keynote address at the UT fall commencement Saturday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. in Savage Arena.



Snyder

Snyder, who will receive an honorary degree during the ceremony, will address 2,066 candidates for degrees: 93 doctoral, 584 master's, 1,346 bachelor's and 43 associate's degrees.

The ceremony will be streamed live

at <http://video.utoledo.edu>.

Snyder is a distinguished American educator and academic administrator whose career includes success as a computational mathematician, musician, published scholar, lecturer and podcaster. He attended Toledo Public Schools and graduated from UT in 1981 with bachelor's degrees in both psychology and mathematics. Additionally, he earned a master's degree in mathematics from UT in 1983.

Snyder also holds a second master's degree, as well as a doctoral degree, in computational mathematics from Princeton University.

"We're honored to have Dr. Timothy Snyder return to his alma mater as our fall commencement speaker," said UT President Sharon L. Gaber. "His career is proof that goals can be multidirectional, and success follows people who work hard to make lasting contributions, no matter what career paths they choose over a lifetime."

In 2014, The University of Toledo Alumni Association recognized Snyder with its College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics' Outstanding Alumnus Award.

"I return to my hometown with pride and excitement to deliver the keynote commencement address. My educational path and career were profoundly shaped by

Rockets to play Appalachian State in Raycom Media Camellia Bowl

By Paul Helgren

UT will face Appalachian State of the Sun Belt Conference in the 2016 Raycom Media Camellia Bowl at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Ala.

The game will be played Saturday, Dec. 17, at 4:30 p.m. Central time (5:30 p.m. Eastern time) and will be televised on ESPN.

Tickets are \$30 for the public and \$10 for UT students limit one with ID for in-person sales only at the Athletic Ticket Office in Savage Arena. Students also may purchase up to four \$30 tickets for guests.

Fans can buy tickets online at utrockets.com, by calling 419.530.GOLD (4653), or in person at the UT Athletic Ticket Office.

Tickets can be purchased through UT until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14. Tickets purchased but not picked up by that time will be available at Cramton Bowl Stadium at Gate 4 beginning at 2:30 p.m. Central time through halftime. When picking up tickets, fans must present ID and the credit card used to purchase the tickets.



Because this is a bowl game, there are no UT employee, retiree or Varsity T discounts.

The UT Alumni Association has organized a charter plane for fans. For more information, call 419.530.2586 or go to toledoalumni.org.

"We are very excited to be selected to play in the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl," UT Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O'Brien said. "The Rocket Nation sends a thank-you to Executive Director

Johnny Williams and the entire Raycom Media Camellia Bowl selection committee. We have heard nothing but great things about the hospitality of the bowl committee and the city of Montgomery.

"I also want to congratulate Head Coach Jason Candle, his staff, and obviously our Rocket football team on a very successful season," he said. "I'm confident that our players, coaches and fans will all enjoy a terrific bowl experience in Montgomery."

UT astronomer selected as member of elite NASA group focused on cosmic origins

By Christine Billau

A University of Toledo astronomer who specializes in the formation of stars and planets has been named to a 12-member NASA advisory group.

Dr. Tom Megeath, a professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, was selected to serve a three-year term as a member of the Executive Committee for NASA's Cosmic Origins Program Analysis Group.

"His appointment is yet another national recognition of the astrophysics expertise at UT," said Dr. Karen Bjorkman, dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Distinguished University Professor of Astronomy and Helen Luedtke Brooks Endowed Professor of Astronomy. "This means that he and UT will have significant input on the science and technology priority decisions for NASA's future directions."

Megeath was the primary investigator for the Herschel Orion Protostar Survey, one of 21 competitively awarded Key Programs on the European Space Agency's Herschel far-infrared space-based telescope. Megeath's program studied the creation of stars by combining data from Herschel and several other space telescopes.

He has used the Herschel, Spitzer and Hubble Space telescopes throughout his

career. He also observed Orion from a flight from Canada to the Pacific Ocean on a NASA airplane called the SOFIA.

"When it comes to allocating resources, NASA needs guidance from the astronomers who use its huge range of instruments to collect data," Megeath said. "The work I do with the advisory group will influence and contribute to NASA missions 10, 20 years from now. This is a huge opportunity for us here at UT."

Megeath's term on the NASA executive committee began in November and ends in November 2019.

Other members are from Arizona State University, California Institute of Technology, University of Maryland, NASA's Goddard Flight Space Center, Johns Hopkins University, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Ball Aerospace, NASA's Ames Research Center, Saint Michael College, University of Minnesota and University of Washington.

In a letter to Megeath, Mario Perez, executive secretary of the committee and scientist in the Cosmic Origins Program, wrote, "Over the rest of the decade the [Cosmic Origins Program Analysis Group] will play an important role in the future of NASA's investment in cosmic origins science."



FOCAL POINT: Dr. Tom Megeath, shown here with the APEX telescope at an altitude of 16,750 feet on the Llano de Chajnantor in the Atacama Desert in Chile, has been selected to serve a three-year term as a member of the Executive Committee for NASA's Cosmic Origins Program Analysis Group.

Megeath is the first UT faculty member to serve on this advisory group.

"Cosmic origins covers everything from the Big Bang to the origin of our world and others," Megeath said. "The goal is to understand the entire sequence of events that led to us."

Dr. JD Smith, UT associate professor of astronomy, is the chair of the NASA Far Infrared Science Interest Group.

Dr. Adolf Witt, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Astronomy, served on the NASA Universe Working Group from 2005 to 2008.

Interim dean of College of Engineering announced

By Meghan Cunningham

A longtime leader in the College of Engineering will serve as interim dean of the college, Provost Andrew Hsu announced Dec 8.

Dr. Steven LeBlanc, professor and executive associate dean for fiscal affairs, will lead the college starting Jan. 9 to fill the vacancy created by longtime dean Dr. Nagi Naganathan, who has accepted the presidency of Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, Ore.

"Dr. Naganathan provided great leadership to the College of Engineering for many years, and we wish him well in his new opportunity as president of Oregon Tech," Hsu said. "Steve has proven himself to be a strong leader, and I appreciate his willingness to again step into the role of



LeBlanc

interim dean to continue to advance the college."

Hsu said the University will conduct a national search for a permanent dean for the College of Engineering with the goal to have that

person in place for fall 2017.

"I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this role to support our faculty and students and continue the positive momentum of

our college," LeBlanc said. "The College of Engineering has a strong team dedicated to the success of our students, and I am honored to be asked to lead them during this transition. The College of Engineering will miss Dean Naganathan, and we wish him every success as the new president of Oregon Tech."

LeBlanc joined the College of Engineering in 1980 and led the Department of Chemical Engineering from 1993 to 2003 when he joined the dean's office to oversee academic affairs. Prior to coming to UT, he spent three years as a chemical engineer at Toledo Edison.

He is co-author of two textbooks, "Strategies for Creative Problem Solving," which received the American Society of Engineering Education Meriam/Wiley

Distinguished Author Award, and "Process Systems Analysis and Control," a chemical engineering textbook from McGraw-Hill.

LeBlanc, who was named an American Institute of Chemical Engineers Fellow in 2010, has received the UT Outstanding Teacher Award and the American Society for Engineering Education North Central Section Outstanding Teaching Award.

He is a graduate of UT with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Ohio.

Dean appointed interim vice provost

Dr. Jamie Barlowe, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, has been named interim vice provost for faculty affairs.



Barlowe

She will begin the position Jan. 1 and continue to lead the College of Arts and Letters until a dean can be selected.

“Jamie will spearhead new initiatives to promote faculty success and getting to professorship,” Dr. Andrew Hsu, provost and executive president for academic affairs, said. “Her reputation as a respected leader on this campus precedes her, and I know she will help faculty members achieve new levels of success.”

“It has been an honor and privilege to serve as dean, and I look forward to this new challenge and to working with faculty across the University,” Barlowe said.

A member of the UT faculty since 1990, Barlowe has served as dean of the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences and the new College of Arts and Letters for the past five years. She also was associate dean of the

College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences for nine months and chair of the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies for nine years.

She co-led the Directions 2011 strategic planning process and was a member of the steering committee for the Higher Learning Commission self-study in 2011. She has been active in shared governance, serving as president of Faculty Senate after the merger of UT and the Medical University of Ohio, and as a member of Faculty Senate, Graduate Council, Research Council, and Arts and Sciences Council for more than a decade.

Currently, Barlowe serves on the new University Committee for Diversity and Inclusion and is an inclusion officer after being on the President’s Council on Diversity for five years.

In addition to memberships on many other committees and task forces, she has been an adviser for more than 70 master’s theses and doctoral dissertations and 20 undergraduate honors theses. As a professor of English and later women’s and gender studies, she received the University Outstanding Teacher Award and was twice named a Master Teacher in the former College of Arts and Sciences.

Her 2000 book, “The Scarlet Mob of Scribblers: Rereading Hester Prynne,” helped reshape traditional Nathaniel Hawthorne studies and served as a major component of a number of undergraduate and graduate courses at other universities. Barlowe is completing a book manuscript focused on 64 previously unknown or neglected silent-era film adaptations produced from 1903 to 1929.

First Presidential Faculty Fellow named

By Vicki L. Kroll

Dr. Melissa Valiska Gregory, associate professor of English, has been selected as the inaugural Presidential Faculty Fellowship recipient.



Gregory

because the fellowship gives me the opportunity to serve the University in a new way,” Gregory said. “I’m a true believer in the mission of higher education; it’s always felt like a calling for me. Public universities should be beacons of excellence, representing all that’s best about a democratic society, which means we must find ways to offer the best education possible to as many citizens as we can.”

As a fellow, Gregory will receive a one-course release to work on projects that further the institution and receive insight into the skills needed in higher education administration.

“Melissa’s many contributions and achievements are impressive. It’s clear she is on the path to become an academic leader, and I look forward to having the chance to work with her during spring semester,” Gaber said.

“I, too, am looking forward to working with Melissa,” Hsu said. “It will be an honor to help her prepare to become a leader in higher education.”

As the first chosen for the competitive mentorship program, Gregory will shadow President Sharon L. Gaber and Provost Andrew Hsu during spring semester.

“I’m excited

“I’m eager to learn how to transfer the skills I’ve developed as a teacher and faculty member to the context of the Provost’s Office so that I can support UT’s ongoing advancement as an outstanding university,” Gregory said. “I know it will be an amazing learning opportunity.”

Six candidates applied for the fellowship when it was announced in September.

Gregory was selected based on her contributions to the institution and her emerging academic administrator qualities.

She joined the UT faculty as an assistant professor in 2002 and was promoted to associate professor in 2010. While at the University, she has received numerous honors, including several research fellowships and travel and learning grants. She also was named one of UT’s Outstanding Teachers in 2015 and served as a Master Teacher from 2008 to 2010.

In 2006, Gregory volunteered to build the English Department’s honors curriculum. She designed a research and method honors seminar that guides students through the writing of an honors thesis, including post-graduate advising that teaches them how to apply for internships and graduate programs. Those curricular improvements led to a 40 percent increase in departmental honors enrollment.

After that success, Gregory was appointed director of honors in the College of Arts and Letters. In this role, she collaborates with department chairs to improve honors programs and thesis offerings. She also works with college services and the college council to establish better tracking and advising of students.

An expert in Victorian studies, Gregory co-wrote a book titled “Charles Dickens: A Brief Biography” (2008). And she was editor of Marshall Gregory’s “Teaching Excellence in Higher Education,” which won the Society of Professors of Education Book Award in 2014.

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In memoriam

Dr. Johh H. Coleman, Potomac Falls, Va., an area physician for more than 50 years, died Nov. 26 at age 88. He was a clinical associate professor of family medicine from 1972 to 2006.

Dr. Arnold A. Johanson, Clearwater, Fla., professor emeritus of mathematics, died Nov. 18 at age 92. He joined the Department of Mathematics as an associate professor in 1962 and was promoted to professor in 1968. He retired in 1987 and was named professor emeritus. Johanson wrote a book, “Principia Practica: The Logic of Practice” (2000).

VP/chief information officer on cover of technology magazine

By Christine Billau

Bill McCreary's unorthodox road to the top information and technology post at The University of Toledo and his leadership on campus spanning from administrative support to virtual reality is featured on the front page of Toggle Magazine.

Toggle is a quarterly journal for technology executives highlighting the vital role that technology plays in companies and organizations.

The story about McCreary, who oversees all information technology, hospital systems and academic technology needs at UT as vice president and chief information and technology officer, is titled "Bringing Private Sector IT Expertise to the Academic Realm."

Before arriving at UT in 2012 to pursue a PhD in artificial intelligence related to simulation and game design, McCreary retired from a 45-year career in the private sector.

"I came here as a student, not a c-level executive," McCreary told Toggle. "The retirement plan was to do my PhD work, but after I was here about a year, the

University discovered me and asked me to get involved."

McCreary came out of retirement to work as chief technology officer, and in 2015 he absorbed the responsibilities of chief information officer to fill a vacancy.

McCreary told the magazine that his typical work day at UT leading a team of more than 300 people includes anything from product pricing and network router changes to game development, augmented reality and the management of cadaveric specimens.

The magazine touts the consolidation of all of those tasks under one manager as a way to maximize the institution's overall IT efficiency.

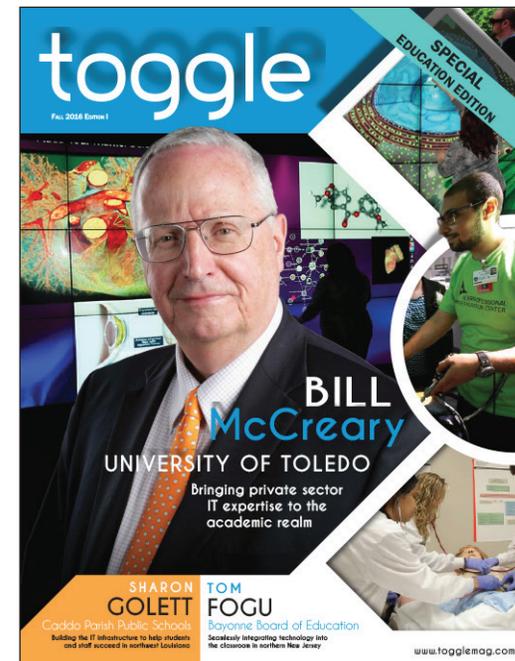
Efforts to commercialize the classroom were a major focus of the feature story as McCreary oversees the Center for Creative Instruction, the Advanced Simulation and Gaming Studio, and the Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center.

According to the magazine, the merger of the groups enables the Division of Technology and Advanced Solution "to build

leading edge interactive simulations and gamified products that deploy on the web, 3D/VIR and head mounted displays using augmented as well as virtual reality."

Toggle shines the spotlight on the revenue-generating possibilities of UT's products and services that pursue academic goals, such as business, sales and medical training software like the Manufacturing Simulation Game, a first-person, video game-like perspective to help train workers in a manufacturing plant, or the Salesworld family of games that allow students to gain simulated sales leadership experience.

"It's configurable so you can grow different types of sales people with different personality traits," McCreary told Toggle. "Students play six games throughout their academic careers and then when they graduate they'll have a resumé that complements their internships in the real world by launching them into tough situations that would take years to experience."



McCreary told Toggle, "I have not found anybody who has a job quite like this at the university level."

Read the full story in Toggle Magazine at togglemag.com/case-studies/bill-mccreary-university-of-toledo.

Division focused on advanced simulation technology for enriched learning

By Rebecca Schwan

A strategic merger of key technology units at The University of Toledo is driving developments in advanced clinical and academic simulations for enriched learning for students across campus.

The Division of Technology and Advanced Solutions is comprised of the Department of Information Technology, the Center for Creative Instruction, the Advanced Simulation and Gaming Studio, and the Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center.

The synergy achieved by joining these groups positions the University as a leader in technological capability, according to Bill McCreary, UT vice president and chief information and technology officer, who created the division in 2015.

"This combined team of web developers, animators, 3D modelers, software engineers, game designers and various information technology professionals is building innovative new content for enhancing the educational experience across the University," he said. "We are developing new interactive digital content to engage students and provide a unique learning experience to help them achieve success in their fields of study."

The division is developing software for UT's Edward H. Schmidt School of Professional Sales. Students have been testing the software this fall.

"Students have been practicing real-life scenarios in a sales management simulation," said Dr. Ellen Pullins, Schmidt research professor of sales and sales management. "This program should really challenge students' critical thinking skills and will ensure they are even better prepared when they start their careers."

It is McCreary's goal to continue to expand content to each college on campus and to meet the students where they are.

"Students shouldn't have to come to a single location like the simulation center for this type of training," he said. "It has to be for everybody, and it has to be portable. We are building this content for students to use the software on computers and headsets in their classroom at any campus location."

The new technology could lead to a revenue source for the University, McCreary said. The division already has begun fostering partnerships to create and develop advanced digital content for local businesses and the national education market, and has created a

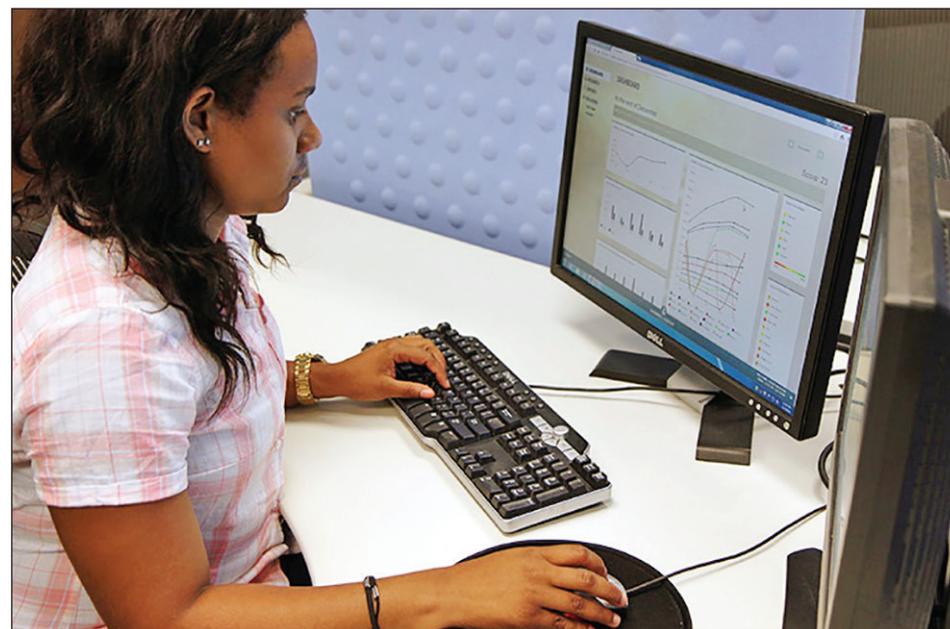


Photo by Bobbi Vaughan

ENDGAME: Christa Goodson, who is majoring in information technology, tested the Salesworld Leadership simulation game developed by UT's Advanced Simulation and Gaming Studio and the Center for Creative Instruction.

virtual anatomy and physiology program for publisher McGraw-Hill.

The division has oversight of nearly every piece of computing technology on campus. The team of about 300 people, half of which are UT students, provides a variety

of services for students, faculty, clinical professionals and staff.

"This unique collaboration also allows our staff within the Division of Technology and Advanced Solutions to explore different areas of technology and provides career-development opportunities," McCreary said.

Draft of campus master plan shares 10-year vision for UT facilities

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo campus master plan proposes moving athletic facilities from Scott Park to Main Campus, renovations to many academic classrooms and the Student Union, and construction of a new research facility and recreation complex.

The draft of the plan, which establishes a 10-year vision for University facilities, was presented to the public Dec. 7 by Jason Toth, UT associate vice president for facilities and construction, and Doug Kozma, co-leader of planning practice for Smith Group JJR, the consulting firm assisting with the plan. About 100 people attended the presentation.

“This plan reflects the many ideas we’ve gathered from stakeholders during the last 18 months to maximize the function and efficiency of our assets,” Toth said. “I hope our community agrees this plan will benefit our students, faculty and staff, and will guide future decision making related to the physical assets on our campuses.”

The master plan next will go to the UT Board of Trustees for consideration. Once finalized, the plan would be implemented in phases throughout the next decade, with some projects expected within the next five years and the remaining completed in a second phase in years six through 10.

The campus master planning process focused on four themes: repositioning the academic core, investing in research,

consolidating athletics and enhancing student life.

Repositioning the Academic Core

The draft of the plan presented includes renovations of classroom buildings among the first projects to reposition the academic core. Snyder Memorial Building, Stranahan Hall and McMaster Hall are candidates for such activity. The Thompson Student Union also looks to be renovated, while renovations to Carlson Library continue.

The grassy area south of Memorial Field House will be redesigned to have wide sidewalks and landscaping to better connect Centennial Mall with the western side of Main Campus.

Investing in Research

A new multidisciplinary research center near Nitschke Hall is planned in a location with convenient access to parking for researchers from different disciplines to conduct work, collaborate and share technology resources. Palmer Hall is slated to be replaced with a green open space for the engineering campus area, with the classrooms in Palmer moved into a renovated North Engineering Building.



FUTURE PLANS: Jason Toth, right, and Doug Kozma talked about UT's 10-year draft master plan Dec. 7 in Nitschke Hall. About 100 attended the presentation.



Photos by Daniel Miller

Consolidating Athletics

The varsity athletic facilities on Scott Park Campus will move to Main Campus as part of the effort to consolidate athletics and better incorporate baseball, softball and soccer into the student experience. A new synthetic soccer field is planned for the inside of the running track of the UT track and field team. The baseball and softball fields would be relocated to where Carter East and West residence halls stand. The Carter residence halls will be taken

down, and a portion of Carter Field will be maintained for intramural and recreational use.

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‘A Cup of Prevention’ emphasizes consent

By Meghan Cunningham

Students fueling up on caffeine during finals week at Starbucks in the Student Union and Java City in Rocket Hall will be encouraged to think about consent and a culture of respect to prevent sexual assault.

Through the “A Cup of Prevention” campaign led by the UT Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Program, stickers will be on 700 coffee sleeves throughout the week with the phrase “Consent is” followed by a blank line for patrons to write in what consent means to them.

“We want to get students thinking and talking about consent and what it means to them. Writing in words such as ‘verbal’ or ‘consistent’ helps advance a culture of education and prevention against sexual assault,” said Lindsay Tuttle, sexual

assault and substance abuse prevention education coordinator.

Students are encouraged to continue the conversation on social media using #UTCConsentIs with a picture of their coffee cup and what consent means to them. The Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Program will continue the awareness effort when students return in January for the spring semester by providing “Consent is” wristbands to students and hanging posters across campus.

“It is important to reinforce that true consent is willing, clearly communicated, specific and not under the influence of alcohol and drugs,” Tuttle said. “This conversation on consent is part of our efforts to encourage a culture that is



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Winter weather policy details procedures for canceling classes

By Meghan Cunningham

To keep students and employees safe during snow emergencies, The University of Toledo's inclement weather policy details procedures for when classes need to be delayed or canceled.

UT is a community and a home for many students, so while the University and UT Medical Center do not close during severe weather, classes and campus events may be delayed or canceled. Essential services on all campuses will continue.

"The safety of our students, employees and patients is our top priority, and we are committed to communicating as quickly as possible how severe weather impacts our campus operations," said Lawrence Kelley, executive vice president for finance and administration.

In the rare event of a major snow or ice storm that necessitates UT canceling classes, the University will announce this information through several communication vehicles:

- UT Alert text message and email (visit utalert.utoledo.edu to sign up);
- Website: utoledo.edu and myut.utoledo.edu;
- Phone: 419.530.SNOW (7669);
- Social media: UT on Facebook and Twitter; and
- Local media.

Decisions to delay or cancel classes due to weather are based on the conditions of campuses and area roads, and reports from local weather forecasters and local transit authorities. Optimally, such announcements

occur in three phases, including decisions to suspend morning classes by 6 a.m., afternoon classes by 10 a.m. and evening classes by 3 p.m. This approach provides flexibility should conditions improve, Kelley said.

UT policy is to remain open whenever possible, Kelley added, in order to minimize interruption of teaching and research.

When there is a temporary suspension of University operations due to weather-related conditions or other emergencies, the Continuity of Operations Plan is enacted to continue critical operations, ensure timely and ongoing communications, and protect the health and safety of the campus community.

To ensure that the University is prepared for such an emergency, the Main Campus Safety Committee conducted a scheduled tabletop exercise from 11 a.m. to noon Dec. 5 testing the University procedures and response during a snow emergency.

The areas essential to maintaining continuous operations during a temporary suspension of operations include:

- Clinical Operations;
- Campus Safety and Security;
- Information Technology;
- Academic and Student Services;
- Supply Chain Operations (for clinical operations only);



- Facility Services; and
- Employee Payroll and Human Resources Information System Services.

Employees assigned to these areas may be designated as essential personnel and, as a result, are required to report to work in the event of an activation of the Continuity of Operations Plan. Employees identified as essential personnel will be notified of their designation by their supervisors.

If UT employees are stopped by authorities during a state of emergency, they should show their Essential Personnel Restricted Travel Memo and explain they

are on their way to work. County officials recognize that even during a state of emergency, employees must report to work.

Throughout the winter season, use extra caution when walking around campus in snow and icy conditions. When you see a walkway that needs to be cleared, report it to the grounds crew on the appropriate campus: Call 419.383.5353 on Health Science Campus or 419.530.1000 on Main Campus.

For more information about campus operations during a temporary suspension of operations, visit the University Continuity of Operations and Essential Personnel website at utoledo.edu/depts/hr/essentiaemployee.html.

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comfortable talking about sexual assault so that we can better prevent and address it."

The "Consent is" campaign is one of a series of education initiatives undertaken during the academic year to educate students about sexual misconduct and the resources available to them on campus.

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Program, which is part of the Counseling Center in the Division of Student Affairs, conducts additional education programming throughout the year, including the Silent Witness Project and other events for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) Day in September, and the

Clothesline Project and Take Back the Night as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April.

In addition, UT's Title IX Office ensures compliance with federal law and works to raise awareness of sexual assault prevention. The Title IX Office investigates all reports of sexual misconduct, implements interim measures when necessary, and works to remedy the effects of sexual misconduct.

The University recently was recognized by the Ohio Department of Higher Education for its efforts to implement the Changing Campus Culture initiative, which is a statewide effort to end sexual assault on all campuses. UT is one of 35 of Ohio's 88

participating college campuses to implement 100 percent of the recommendations in the first year of the initiative.

"We now have more trained professionals on campus, more engaged students and more data to guide our efforts. But your university has achieved far more, successfully completing all five of the recommendations put forth by the Changing Campus Culture Advisory Group," Ohio Chancellor John Carey wrote in a letter to President Sharon L. Gaber.

"Work of this magnitude is not done in a silo. While you appointed one individual to lead in these efforts, I know that they worked with other members of your campus community to identify areas of focus,

raise awareness, develop comprehensive prevention plans, review response protocols to ensure they are comprehensive, and identify survivor-centered strategies to increase reporting and support services," the letter continued. "I am grateful for their willingness to support the efforts on your campus."

For more information about the Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Program, call 419.530.3431, visit the office in the Counseling Center located in Rocket Hall Room 1810, or go online to utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/saapp.



JANUARY

- The Ohio Attorney General’s Office awards UT \$214,000 to help victims of sexual violence on campus. The funding is used to create the Center for Student Advocacy and Wellness.
- UT alumni Prakash Karamchandani and Hochan Jang open Bubble Tea in the Gateway.
- For the 10th year in a row, UT Medical Center receives the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With the Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.
- Some 2,000 attend the 15th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Celebration in Savage Arena.
- UT student-athletes earn a combined grade point average of 3.216 in the 2015 fall semester, the highest department GPA for a semester in school history.
- The University’s surgical residency program ranks No. 14 in the nation when it comes to outcome-based measures, according to the Journal of Surgical Education.
- The College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences celebrates the opening of the Shimadzu Laboratory for Pharmaceutical Research Excellence. Shimadzu Scientific Instruments’ gift of \$250,000 funds several new state-of-the-art instruments.

- Total enrollment for spring semester increases to 18,849, according to official 15-day census numbers. That’s up from 18,783 in spring semester 2015.

FEBRUARY

- Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Inc., visits campus Feb. 1 for the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series and shares the story of how he and Steve Jobs — and their business partner Ronald Wayne — revolutionized the computer industry. More than 3,000 attend the event in Savage Arena.
- White House National Drug Control Policy Director Michael Botticelli visits Scott Park Campus and holds a Toledo Community Forum on Responses to the Opioid Epidemic, discussing evidence-based programs to prevent and treat prescription drug abuse and heroin abuse.
- Open forums and focus groups take place to gather input for the University’s strategic diversity plan.
- The UT Board of Trustees approves the merger of the College of Health Sciences and the College of Social Justice and Human Service. The new College of Health and Human Services will be established July 1. Dr. Christopher Ingersoll will serve as dean.
- To stabilize the University’s budget, division and college leaders are asked to identify a 1.5 percent reduction to the operating budget for fiscal year 2016 and

- 3 percent to the entire budget for fiscal year 2017.
- Will Lucas, co-founder and CEO of the technology company Classana, and founder of Creadio, is named by Ohio Gov. John Kasich to the UT Board of Trustees.
- UT is among eight Ohio universities to receive a total of \$1.9 million from the Ohio Department of Higher Education’s Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative.

MARCH

- The UT Foundation achieves a 2.3 percent total investment return for the 2015 fiscal year, surpassing the 2 percent average for participants of similar asset size, in the National Association of College and University Business Officers-Commonfund Study of Endowments.
- Mark Beier, the longtime radio play-by-play voice of Toledo Rockets football and men’s basketball, retires.
- A total of 165 fourth-year medical students learn where they will train for their residencies at Match Day.
- Dr. Andrew Hsu, dean of the College of Engineering at San Jose State University, is named UT provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, and will start his new job July 1.
- Donald Kamm, associate director and Title IX deputy coordinator at the University of Illinois at Chicago Office

for Access and Equity, is tapped as director of Title IX and compliance and Title IX coordinator for UT, a post he will assume May 2.

- UT and Toledo Public Schools partner to create a new initiative called Teach Toledo to recruit and prepare the Glass City’s citizens to become Toledo’s teachers.
- Nearly 1,700 students, faculty and staff spend March 19 giving back to the community during the Big Event.
- Senior Sammy Richart becomes only the seventh Rocket in program history to qualify for the NCAA Women’s Swimming and Diving Meet.
- The Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center is named one of the 2015 top 100 hospitals and health systems with great oncology programs by Becker’s Hospital Review.
- The women’s golf team breaks a school record by winning its fifth tournament crown of the season with an eight-stroke victory at the Kingsmill Intercollegiate in Williamsburg, Va.

APRIL

- Dr. Phillip “Flapp” Cockrell starts his new job as associate vice president and dean of students April 4. Most recently, he served as associate vice provost for student affairs and dean of students at Jackson State University in Mississippi.
- Polar explorer Ann Bancroft speaks April 5 in Doermann Theater as part of

the Jesup Scott Honors Distinguished Lecture Series.

- Students dance for 13 hours at RockeTHON and raise \$147,530 for the Children's Miracle Network.
- The Dr. Cyrus Chan Endowed Scholarship Fund is established by friends and colleagues of the 39-year-old resident who is battling stage IV colon cancer. Chan passes away April 21.
- More than 650 pack the Student Union Auditorium to hear rapper, record producer, actor and activist David Banner discuss "Diversity in Politics." His keynote address is part of Diversity Week and Diversity Month.
- Dan Barbee, vice president for clinical services, is named UTMC interim CEO to replace Dave Morlock, who announces he is leaving the University.
- Trustees approve the merger of the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning and YouCollege with UT Online to form University College. Dr. Barbara Kopp Miller, associate provost for online education, will be dean beginning July 1.
- UT and BP partner for the new Rocket Engineering Prep Program that will ensure full tuition and fee scholarships for four years for select Toledo Public School students to attend the College of Engineering in exchange for successfully completing three summers of enrichment and mentoring programs at the University during high school.
- The University is selected as one of America's Outstanding Navy Reserve Employers for 2016. Out of more than

100 employers nominated for this recognition, 50 are chosen, and UT is the only higher education institution selected to receive the designation.

- A new FieldTurf surface called Revolution 360 is installed in the Glass Bowl.
- The College of Business and Innovation is listed in the top 100 best undergraduate business schools in the nation by Bloomberg, a global business and financial information and news leader. The college is No. 96.
- The women's basketball team finishes 24th best in the country in home attendance, averaging 4,050 fans per contest for the second highest total in school history. The Rockets lead the MAC in attendance for an unprecedented 26th consecutive season.
- UT astronomers identify a new object in space approximately 100 light years from Earth, estimated to be roughly five to 10 times the mass of Jupiter and 10 million years old. The free-floating planetary mass object is a brown dwarf and called WISEA J114724.10-204021.3.
- Savage Arena's production control room is renamed in honor of Don Reiber, associate professor of communication and director of the Department of Communication's Media Services, who passed away Sept. 20 at age 68. More than 400 attend a memorial service April 24 to remember Reiber, who spent 36 years at the University teaching television production, live-truck

production, and radio production and programming.

- Golfer Sathika Ruenreong is one of six individuals selected to participate in an NCAA regional hosted by the University of Alabama. She is the first Rocket to compete in an NCAA event in the program's 21-year history.
- The UT Concert Chorale sings three songs with Barry Manilow April 27 as part of his Farewell Tour at the Huntington Center in downtown Toledo.

MAY

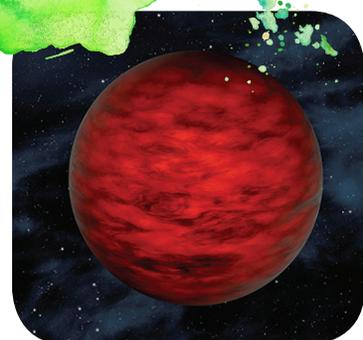
- Dr. Johnnetta Cole, director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, and former U.S. Congressman and physicist Dr. Rush D. Holt address 2,843 candidates for degrees at commencement ceremonies.
- Stephanie Sanders, an executive consultant at Ruffalo Noel Levitz, a firm that specializes in strengthening higher education enrollment practices, is named interim vice president of enrollment.
- Five peregrine falcon chicks hatch atop University Hall's tower.
- Women's Golf Head Coach Nicole Hollingsworth, who in March signed a contract that will keep her at the Rockets' helm through the 2018-19 season, is named MAC Coach of the Year.
- Dr. Willie McKether, associate professor of anthropology who has been serving in a temporary role as special assistant to the president for diversity, is named UT vice president for diversity and inclusion.

Former Utah assistant Jonas Persson is named head women's swimming and diving coach.

- Retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Susan Desjardins speaks in front of 254 candidates for degrees at the College of Medicine and Life Sciences commencement ceremony.
- UT student-athletes earn a combined grade point average of 3.249 in spring semester, the third highest department semester GPA in school history. The men's golf team sets the all-time UT record for team GPA with a 3.759 mark.
- Dr. Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, associate professor in the Department of Medicinal and Biological Chemistry, is named dean of the College of Graduate Studies. She replaces Dr. Patsy Komuniecki, who will retire July 1.

JUNE

- Graduate student Holly Embke is the first researcher to discover direct proof of grass carp, a type of invasive Asian carp, spawning in a Great Lakes tributary.
- The 10-year anniversary of the merger of The University of Toledo and the Medical University of Ohio is celebrated.
- Trustees approve the \$737.8 million budget for fiscal year 2017.
- The board also approves the merger of the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences and the College of Communication and the Arts. Dr. Jamie Barlowe will serve as dean of new College of Arts and Letters starting July 1.



- UT is selected to join the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy. The association operates world-class astronomical observatories and works to promote observatories and facilities that advance innovative astronomical research.
- Lawrence R. Kelley, who has been interim chief financial officer, is appointed to the position.
- Veteran sports broadcaster Brent Balbinot is the new “Voice of the Rockets.” This fall, Balbinot will serve as play-by-play broadcaster for football and men’s basketball, and host the respective coaches’ radio shows.
- Dr. Rebecca Schneider, professor and chair of curriculum and instruction, receives two state grants to train local high school teachers to teach college courses to their students as part of an expansion of the state’s College Credit Plus program.
- Fiscal year 2016 ends with a total of 10,529 donors giving \$18.5 million to the University. It is an increase in donors of nearly 17 percent and an increase of nearly 10 percent in dollars.

JULY

- As part of the Academic Affiliation, UT learners on the ProMedica Toledo and Toledo Children’s Hospital Campus begin occupying a new academic space. The renovated area provides classrooms, on-call sleep rooms, a lounge, lockers and shower facilities for students and residents.

- Stranahan Arboretum is No. 40 on the 50 Most Beautiful College Arboretums by Best College Reviews.
- Ohio Gov. John Kasich names Alfred A. Baker, a retired vice president from Owens Illinois Inc., to the UT Board of Trustees.
- Dr. Heidi Appel, senior associate director of the Honors College at the University of Missouri, is named dean of the Jesup Scott Honors College. She will start her new job Aug. 15.
- The Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center and UT Physicians are selected to participate in a Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services pilot program designed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of oncology specialty care.
- W.R. Meyers Co. of Napoleon, Ohio, uses a helicopter crane to deliver steel beams that will be used to reinforce University Hall’s iconic tower.
- UTMC is recognized by the National Health Resources and Services Administration as a platinum-level partner for its efforts to promote organ, eye and tissue donation as part of the Workplace Partnership for Life Hospital Campaign.
- Domino’s Pizza opens at the Gateway.
- More than 10,000 attend the 24th annual Art on the Mall.
- Business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi holds a ceremony in honor of Sierah Joughin July 30 in the Student Union. Joughin, who was entering her third year as a student in the College of Business and Innovation, died last month at age

20. About 100 attend the event, which includes a candlelight vigil.

AUGUST

- The University and the city of Toledo announce the Toledo Talent Keeps Toledo Great internship program to allow all students the opportunity to earn experience working in city offices and provide local government with additional talent to serve the community.
- A total of 173 medical students receive their white coats and recite the pledge of ethics at a ceremony Aug. 4 in the Lois and Norman Nitschke Auditorium.
- Dr. Frank Calzonetti, vice president for government relations, is appointed vice president of research. He led the University’s research operations for a decade before moving to government relations in 2011.
- Former Rocket quarterback Bruce Gradkowski opens Social Gastropub Aug. 15. The renovated eatery replaces Gradkowski’s.
- Closed since March, the new David Leigh Root Bridge on Stadium Drive opens. The span features UT’s signatureannon stone and six-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of the road.
- Carlson Library’s \$3 million renovation of the third and fourth floors is celebrated Aug. 18. Funded by state capital investment funds, the renovation includes the creation of more than 20 new group study rooms on the floors.
- Male student-athletes are the recipients of the 2015-16 MAC Faculty Athletics

Representative Academic Achievement Award for the highest overall grade point average for all men’s sports.

- UT wins the 2015-16 MAC Institutional Academic Achievement Award for the best GPA in the conference. UT’s 377 student-athletes post a school-record grade point average of 3.235.

SEPTEMBER

- Enrollment for fall semester increases by 267 students, marking the first gain in six years. Total enrollment for fall semester is 20,648, according to official 15-day census numbers. UT had 20,381 students enrolled in fall semester 2015.
- The facilities master planning team holds open forums to receive feedback on scenarios.
- Trustees conduct their first performance review of President Sharon L. Gaber and voice their full support of her leadership.
- UT extends its contract with Aramark for six years and announces Steak ‘n Shake is scheduled to open in spring 2017 and replace Rocky’s Grill in the lower level of the Student Union.
- A memorial service is held for Dr. Lancelot C.A. Thompson, professor emeritus of chemistry and 55-year UT veteran, who died Sept. 10 at age 91. President Gaber announces the Student Union will be renamed in his honor. A trailblazer, Thompson was the first African-American full-time faculty member at the University, the first black to receive tenure, the first African-American vice president, and the first





person to hold the post of vice president for student affairs.

- The University is ranked among the world's top research schools in the 2017 Times Higher Education World University Rankings.
- UT helps launch the White House mentoring program called My Brother's Keeper in Toledo, which will prepare local students for college and career readiness.
- The University hosts the 13th annual International Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference.
- The UT strategic planning committee holds its inaugural meeting Sept. 27.
- Dr. Xin Wang, associate professor of psychiatry, receives \$3.38 million from the National Institute of Mental Health to study the brain for early signs of post-traumatic stress disorder after an injury.
- Andrew Young makes history come alive at the Edward Shapiro Distinguished Lecture Sept. 29 as he shares his 60 years of experiences in the civil rights movement, the U.S. Congress, the United Nations, and as mayor of Atlanta. More than 500 attend his talk in Savage Arena.

OCTOBER

- UT alumna Janet Keller gives \$1 million to support generations of future teachers. She and her husband, the Rev. Gerald Keller, are inspired to advance the Judith

Herb College of Education's strong reputation as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

- The Ohio Senate presents a proclamation honoring the Athletic Department for earning the 2015-16 MAC Institutional Academic Achievement Award.
- Trustees approve Oct. 10 the issue of \$30 million in bonds to address maintenance needs on Main Campus and Health Science Campus. Parks Tower and other academic and administrative buildings will be renovated.
- The Center for Student Advocacy and Wellness receives a U.S. Department of Justice \$299,202 grant to prevent and address sexual assault victimization on college campuses. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine awards UT \$286,782 to continue operations of the Center for Student Advocacy and Wellness.
- George and Leslie Chapman donate \$1 million for the construction of the new basketball office complex in Savage Arena.
- The Toledo Rockets win the Battle of I-75 for the seventh consecutive season with a thrilling 42-35 Homecoming victory over the Bowling Green Falcons Oct. 15 in front of 30,147 fans in the Glass Bowl.
- Daymond John, an investor on ABC's Emmy award-winning reality television series "Shark Tank" and founder and

- CEO of the clothing line FUBU, speaks Oct. 18 in front of a capacity crowd in the Lois and Norman Nitschke Auditorium. He shares his success story as part of the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series.
- Strategic planning open forums are held to gather input from the campus community.

NOVEMBER

- UTMC is again verified as a Level I Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.
- The 16th annual Great Lakes Water Conference focuses on "Safe Drinking Water: A Tale of Three Cities" Nov. 4 in the Law Center.
- The Student Union is renamed Nov. 7 in honor of Dr. Lancelot C.A. Thompson, the longtime UT professor and administrator who devoted his career to student success.
- UT is recognized as a top school for supporting student veterans. Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs®, STEM JobsSM and Military Spouse, gives the University the 2017 Military Friendly® School designation. Military Times lists UT in its Best for Vets: Colleges 2017 rankings, and Military Advanced Education & Transition names UT a top school in its 2017 Guide to Colleges & Universities research study.

- Army Sgt. Richard Perry, UT professor emeritus, receives the French Legion of Honor at the annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and Resource Fair Nov. 11 in Savage Arena.
- New markers are unveiled Nov. 11 at the UT Veterans Memorial Plaza. The new Gold Star Memorial and Blue Star Memorial markers pay tribute to the Gold Star families whose loved ones paid the ultimate price defending the country and to those Blue Star families who have defended, are defending, or will defend the United States.
- The Ohio Department of Public Safety certifies the UT Police Department for meeting new state standards for the use of deadly force, agency recruitment and hiring.

DECEMBER

- Toledo accepts a bid to play in the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl. The Rockets will face the Appalachian State Mountaineers Saturday, Dec. 17, in Montgomery, Ala. The game will be carried by ESPN.
- A draft of the campus master plan is presented to the public Dec. 7. The proposal focuses on repositioning the academic core, investing in research, consolidating athletics, and enhancing student life.

Apply for 2017 grant from Women & Philanthropy; \$75,000 available

Wednesday, Feb. 15, is the deadline to submit an application for a grant from Women & Philanthropy at The University of Toledo.

UT staff, faculty and students from all campuses are eligible to apply. Women & Philanthropy grant applications are available at utfoundation.org/foundation/home/women_philanthropy.aspx.

To be considered for a grant, all application guidelines must be followed.

The Women & Philanthropy Grants Committee will review and evaluate the

applications, and the general membership will vote to determine the recipient(s). Grant amounts vary from year to year.

For 2017, Women & Philanthropy has allocated \$75,000 to award in grants for UT projects and programs.

Grant recipients will be announced in May.

The inaugural grant, in the amount of \$15,000, was awarded in 2008 to Carlson Library to commission a glass sculpture by artist Tom McGlauchlin. That sculpture titled "A University Woman" is on display

in the library concourse and has become the model for the Women & Philanthropy logo.

Since then, Women & Philanthropy has funded classrooms, an art gallery, locker room enhancements, a sensory-friendly medical examination room, the hospitality area in the William and Carol Koester Alumni Pavilion, renovations to the Savage Arena media room, computer-based educational displays in Ritter Planetarium and Lake Erie Center, a computer lab in the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, a playground at the Kobacker Center, a

student-family room in University College, and an interactive periodic table display.

In nine years, Women & Philanthropy has gifted nearly \$400,000 in 15 grants to The University of Toledo. Women & Philanthropy is able to give substantial gifts to the University by pooling its members' resources and making monetary awards in the form of grants.

Women & Philanthropy marks 10 years of leadership

By Sherry Stanfa-Stanley

Although volunteerism by women has long played a part in nonprofit organizations, a focus on the role of women in charitable giving is a relatively newer phenomenon.

In 2001, no university-based women's philanthropy programs existed in the Toledo region. At that time, Dr. Janet Krzyminski, a UT alumna, was a director of development at The University of Toledo and working on her dissertation. Her research focused on local women's viewpoints regarding the cultivation, solicitation and stewardship activities of philanthropy.

"The overarching result was that charitable organizations and universities were not paying much attention to women donors as a group. We weren't recognizing their interest or potential," she said. "This provided a platform and eventually gave legs to a new organization centered at UT."

UT's Women & Philanthropy, a collaborative effort of area women and the University's Division of Advancement, is marking its 10th year as a community of female philanthropists supporting the mission and goals of The University of Toledo.

Outgoing president Marianne Ballas, who has led the group since its inception, said the goal has been to raise the awareness of women in the community and to guide and support them in the art of giving back.

"We are committed to exposing our members to the University by promoting Women & Philanthropy's first grant in 2008 that provided the glass sculpture, 'A University Woman,' by Tom McGlauchlin. The group has provided 15 grants totaling

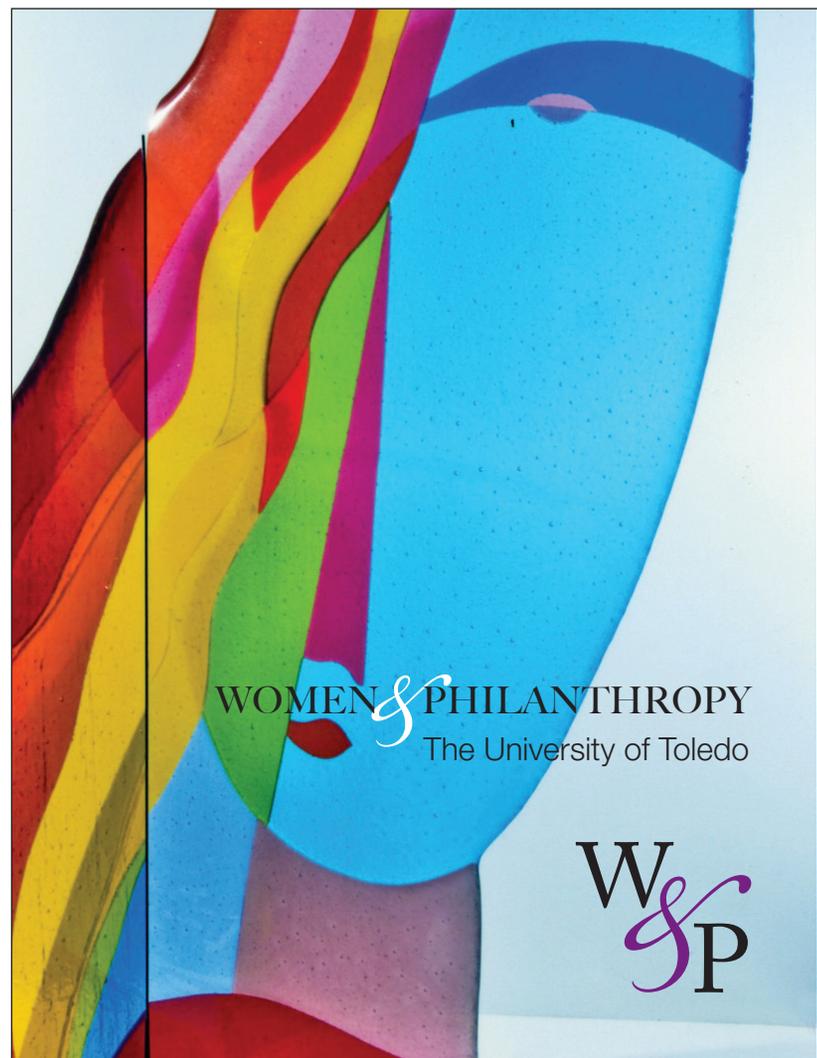
nearly \$400,000 for educational programs and taken part in grant dedications," she said. "It is inspiring to visit and experience the amazing facilities and programs that are offered right here in Toledo. We are so proud of UT, and we want to share it to enhance the community appreciation of UT's incredible importance and contributions."

The 2016 Women & Philanthropy grants were awarded to the Instrumentation Center for the construction of an interactive display titled "Living Science: The Ever-Changing Periodic Table," and an active learning center in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

The group also participates in a holiday project, including purchasing hats and mittens for at-risk children, refilling items for the UT student food bank, and distributing stuffed animals for children at UT Medical Center through the Satellites Auxiliary.

Ballas noted that members have not only made financial investments, but also personal investments. "What we have done as a group of women has created and nurtured some deep lifelong friendships. Although we are a very diverse group, we really like and appreciate each other," she said, "and we enjoy giving back."

To learn more about Women & Philanthropy, contact Chris Spengler, director of advancement relations, at chris.spengler@utoledo.edu or 419.530.4927.



Art student restores globe in Carlson Library

By Vicki L. Kroll

What the globe in Carlson Library needed was love, sweet love. And some new paint.

“After 43 years, the globe was very dirty and showing a lot of wear. To the best of my knowledge, it had never been properly cleaned,” David Remaklus, director of library operation, said. “During the renovations of the third floor last summer, we realized the globe needed some attention.”

He contacted Karen Roderick-Lingeman, senior lecturer of art, who recommended a senior majoring in art for the job.

“Simone Tilmon is one of our talented bachelor of fine arts majors,” Roderick-Lingeman said. “I thought she would be an excellent student to work on the Carlson Library globe due to her sensitive attention to detail.”

Enter Tilmon, who provided TLC for the globe this semester.

“At first, I cleaned with rags, but there are a lot of crevices, so I had to get a scrub brush and some solution that would not damage the paint that was already there,” Tilmon said.

She consulted with Arturo Rodriguez, associate professor of art, and Daniel Hernandez, assistant professor of art, who suggested she use Simple Green to clean the globe. They also agreed that acrylic paint would be the best fit to match the globe.

After two weeks of cleaning, Tilmon started brightening up the world in late September.

“I thought that the painting process would be a lot easier to match up the colors. But it was very difficult to try to paint certain areas of the globe, to restore it, because of the fading issue,” she said. “I really liked trying to keep as much of the globe as it is; it was a challenge.”

Painting the 320-pound sphere that measures 6 feet in diameter on site also made the task interesting. With some scaffolding, Tilmon literally was on top of the world.

“I really enjoyed the painting. It was fun,” the artist said. “I really liked painting the snow caps — painting the Greenland area and Antarctica area — everything that had to do with a white touch-up. It looked finished and pristine.”

The most difficult part of the worldly task? “The water gave me the most problem,” Tilmon said. “It changes colors

throughout, and I had to try to match that paint.”

Installed in Carlson Library in 1973, the oceanographic geophysical earth globe was custom made for the University by Rand McNally & Co. in New York. At the time, it was one of only four of its kind crafted. According to a 1973 story that ran in UT’s alumni publication, eight shades of blue were used to differentiate contoured ocean depths, and hand-painting of the globe took approximately 575 hours.

Tilmon worked more than two months adding color to the globe.

“Simone did a fantastic job. We couldn’t be happier with the transformation,” Remaklus said. “She was

extremely careful to be sure every nook and cranny of the globe was properly cleaned, and the touch-up was limited to only those places where it was needed to be sure the globe looked as it did when new. I was amazed at how vibrant the colors were after 45 years of dust was removed.”

For more than 30 years, the globe was an attraction on the first floor of Carlson Library. When the Information Commons opened in 2007, it was moved to the third floor by the maps collection.

“Because the globe was on the first floor for nearly 35 years, many of our alumni remember it. We often get questions as to its whereabouts,” Remaklus said. “On the third floor, the globe has a prominent space just off the elevators. It looks wonderful in the newly renovated floor.”

He added the electric motor that turns the globe will be repaired next year.

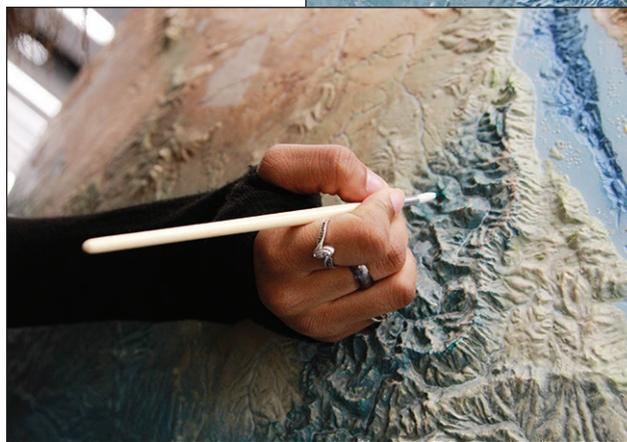
In 2017, Tilmon will study interior design at the University of Cincinnati. She will graduate with a bachelor of fine arts degree from UT Saturday, Dec. 17.

“Art has been all that I’ve done since I was a toddler. I realized quickly this is what I wanted to do with my life,” she said. “Art is how I assess the world around me and the one way I know how to express my thoughts.”



Photos by Rachel Nearhoof

BRUSHING UP: Simone Tilmon touched up the globe in Carlson Library last month.



Go Rockets! Go shopping for UT fans

By Kevin Taylor

As the holiday season approaches, let the University help decrease your stress over finding the perfect gift for the Rocket fans in your life.

The University has licensed products with retailers that provide everything from sweatshirts to jewelry to wall coverings. Whether you’re looking for a hoodie, charm bracelets and earrings, or a UT Fathead, you’re sure to find unique options either online or in local retail locations.

The University operates Rocky’s Locker stores in Savage Arena and Franklin Park Mall. The Barnes & Noble University Bookstore also offers official Rocket gear.

You also can shop from the convenience of your home or residence hall. Visit utoledo.edu/offices/marketing/licensing/wheretobuy.html for a list of retailers offering licensed University of Toledo merchandise.

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ROCKY'S LOCKER
ROCKY'S LOCKER LOCATED IN SAVAGE ARENA

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The campus master plan also calls for other offices located at Scott Park to move to Main Campus.

Enhancing Student Life

The master plan built into its projections a 1 percent enrollment increase each year, which combined with the two-year residency requirement, would require additional beds on campus by the end of the 10-year time period. Renovations are already underway for Parks Tower; the plan incorporates opportunities for McComas Village to expand for additional Greek housing; and a second phase of the Gateway on the corner of Secor Road and Dorr Street would add apartment living options on upper floors above retail stores.

A new outdoor recreational area on the south side of Dorr Street east of Byrne Road would create a dedicated recreation complex on campus, which currently does not exist. A new public safety building to replace the Transportation Center, which houses the UT Police Department, would be located next to the fenced-in recreational facility. The parking area on Scott Park Campus for

first-year students would be relocated to the north side of Dorr Street just west of Byrne Road.

A University financial investment of \$100 million is expected through future state capital dollars and a potential bond issue. Additional external philanthropic support is needed to fully implement the plan.

The draft of the master plan was well-received during the public presentation. Students asked questions about the impact on parking, the expansion of Greek housing, and if teaching labs would be renovated in addition to classrooms in the campus buildings slated for renovation.

Additional questions asked by participants included efforts to increase energy efficiency, details about a proposed pedestrian bridge across Douglas Road, and plans for the future of the Scott Park and Health Science campuses.

View the presentation on the University's YouTube page, and keep up to date on the master planning process by visiting utoledo.edu/facilities/master-plan.

Décor galore



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

Mallory Leszkai, right, picked up a wreath and Kayla Pokornik purchased a blue poinsettia from Tina Papalekas, a volunteer with the Satellites Auxiliary, in Rocket Hall. A portion of the profits from the Satellites' recent sale benefited health science scholarships.

Hanging around



Photo by Daniel Miller

Dr. Martin Skie, associate professor of orthopaedics, checked out some ornaments at the Satellites Auxiliary's recent sale in UT Medical Center's Four Seasons Bistro Atrium. The sale raised about \$500 for health science scholarships, according to Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites Auxiliary.

Teaching tools



Dr. Hermann Simo, second-year resident in internal medicine, explained intubation Dec. 8 at the Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center. UT's Student National Medical Association hosted the event to assimilate members of the Charles Drew Society to the sophisticated teaching tools at the simulation center. Charles Drew members, from left, Nia Patrick, Keyana Carter, Sandra Nwaobasi (president) and Chantale Amu listened as Simo borrowed a patient simulator's jaw to explain the details. The Charles Drew Society includes UT students in premedical majors and strives to "promote interaction, support and mentorship of underrepresented STEMM students." Six UT colleges — Engineering, Health and Human Services, Medicine and Life Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Nursing, and Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences — foster this outreach as part of a "We are STEMM" initiative that encourages diversity in the sciences.

Lab renamed to honor benefactor



Photo by James A. Molnar

Dr. William Bauer and his wife, Catherine, had their photo taken by the sign of a lab renamed in his honor: The William R. Bauer, MD, PhD MRI Human Brain Imaging Laboratory is in the Block Health Science Building. Bauer recently donated \$100,000 to the Department of Neurosciences in the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences to support the research of Dr. Xin Wang, associate professor of psychiatry. "Dr. Bauer is a successful neurologist who has made substantial contributions to help educate medical students and support research here since the 1980s," Wang said. "With his support, we have been growing brain MRI research at UT from scratch to a nationally recognized MRI research center. Dr. Bauer's new donation will help us purchase new computers for imaging data processing and devices for advanced behavioral tests. The funding also will support talented researchers to analyze the MRI images."

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my years at UT," Snyder said. "I continue to resonate with UT's mission to improve the human condition and advance knowledge, among its other values. I hope to inspire graduates to pursue their life goals with creativity and integrity."

Snyder has held academic positions at Berklee College of Music in Boston, the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and at Georgetown University, where he was chair of the Department of Computer Science and its first dean of science. Additionally, he served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Fairfield University in Connecticut and vice president for academic affairs at Loyola University Maryland. In 2015, Snyder was appointed the 16th president of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

He has published and presented widely on his research, which includes computational mathematics, data structures, design and analysis of algorithms, geometric probability, digital signal processing, computer music, and the education of the millennial generation. More recently, he

has been researching risk assessment in commercial airline safety, as well as HIV and its prevention.

A musician most of his life, Snyder was lead singer in the touring rock-and-punk band Whirlwind from 1976 to 1983. His music can be found on iTunes and SoundCloud. He is also active in social media through his Twitter handle @LMUSnyder.

The University's fall commencement ceremony will recognize graduates from the colleges of Arts and Letters, Business and Innovation, Judith Herb College of Education, Health and Human Services, Medicine and Life Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Nursing, and Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Additionally, UT's College of Engineering will hold graduation ceremonies for its undergraduate and graduate candidates Friday, Dec. 16, at 5:30 p.m. in Savage Arena.

For more information, visit utoledo.edu/commencement.

Time is running out: 'Simply Give' to UTC3 today

By Christine Wasserman

As the holiday season approaches and 2016 is coming to a close, time is running out to give to this year's University of Toledo Community Charitable Campaign (UTC3).

Before you leave for vacation or complete your holiday shopping, please remember to "Simply Give" to support those in need. The deadline for making a charitable contribution is Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Below are answers to some common questions about this campaign.

Is UTC3 the same as the annual United Way campaign?

It is, except you may now designate additional charities to support with your gift. UTC3 enables you to choose from among nearly 220 charities in four federations: United Way of Greater Toledo, Community Health Charities, Community Shares Northwest Ohio and EarthShare Ohio.

Where can I find a list of charities supported by UTC3?

A complete list is available online at utoledo.edu/utc3. When you fill out your ePledge form, you may designate the specific

charity (or several charities) that you want your gift to support.

How do I give to UTC3?

You must fill out an ePledge form online; it is available in the weekly email you receive from Dr. Kaye M. Patten, senior vice president for student affairs, who is this year's UTC3 chair. Her next email will be sent Wednesday, Dec. 14, and then every weekday thereafter until the deadline, Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Why can't I access the ePledge form on our UT website?

The dollars we donate are managed by an organization external to the University (via United Way), which then distributes the money to all of the various charities. This helps to ensure our gifts remain secure. When you complete the ePledge form in Patten's weekly email and then hit submit, it electronically goes directly to that site vs. to a UT department.

Is there a certain amount that faculty or employees are expected to give?

No. This year every UT faculty and staff member is asked to "Simply Give" any amount that they can afford to help those in need. Every single dollar helps.

Are there various incentives for giving at different levels?

No. This year the UTC3 Committee decided to keep it simple, asking everyone to simply give whatever amount he or she could afford. Each and every person who donates to UTC3 by Wednesday, Dec. 28, will receive a free, long-sleeved UT T-shirt, plus an invitation to a University-wide breakfast in early 2017.

How do I receive my free T-shirt?

When you fill out your ePledge form, indicate the size of shirt you would like. (See

the size chart with measurements at utoledo.edu/utc3.) The shirts will be distributed early in 2017; watch for more information.

Can UT retirees give to UTC3?

Yes. They soon will be receiving a letter with instructions on how to give. Their ongoing connections to the University are truly valued, and their contributions to this community campaign are appreciated.

Letter

The Build-A-Trust-Bowl-A-Thon Nov. 19 was our third event — and by far the best.

White T-shirts and some door prizes were provided by The University of Toledo Police Department. The Toledo Fire Department and Toledo Police also participated. One of the fireman had his full gear on for the kids to try on and take pictures in; that was funny. We had a professional photographer and videographer to make the event even more special.

The intent of this event is to get back what we once had — trust. Like the men and women in uniform have a responsibility to protect and serve us, we have a responsibility to help them help us — telling when we see something, staying out of trouble, thanking them for all that they do day in and day out. Like us, they are just people who want to go home safe and sound at the end of the workday to their families. We are all in this together.

We would like to see some more men and women in uniform from around the area at our next event. This is not just a Toledo issue; this is a nationwide issue. We can try to help in our area with small steps that will catch on.

I recently talked to a bowling coordinator/coach friend from Buffalo, N.Y., about our program, and she's willing to try it. I hope this is just the beginning.

I want to thank everyone involved who helped make this event not only happen, but work. Thanks so much to the Toledo Sports Center, The University of Toledo Police, the Toledo Fire Department and the Toledo Police Department. Thanks to all who donated door prizes, money, time and their services, and most of all to my crew that I cannot do without, and to the media who were super promoting this event.

Special thanks to Jon Harris, who owns several McDonald's and has sponsored the last two bowl-a-thons; he has agreed to sponsor our next event for every child 17 and younger so they won't have to pay.

The next Build-A-Trust-Bowl-A-Thon will take place Saturday, May 13, at Interstate Lanes, 819 Lime City Road in Rossford. We hope to fill this 40-lane house.

George W. Hayes Jr.

Electrician journeyman 2

Toledo Bowling Senate junior coordinator

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.



COMING TOGETHER: George Hayes, center holding the microphone, and UT Police Chief Jeff Newton, left, who is holding Pearl, posed for a photo with members of the UT Police Department and Toledo Police and Toledo Fire departments who participated in the Build-A-Trust-Bowl-A-Thon last month. Pearl is the daughter of Cora Middlebrooks, a custodian who works in Savage Arena.

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Candle, who led the Rockets to a 9-3 record in his first full season as head coach, was enthusiastic about his team's bowl destination.

"The Raycom Media Camellia Bowl will provide our players with an outstanding bowl experience, as well as the opportunity to play against a very tough Appalachian State team," Candle said. "Playing in the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl is an excellent reward for our players, coaches

and everyone involved in our team's success."

The Rockets (9-3, 6-2 MAC) finished in second place in the West Division of the Mid-American Conference. UT will be playing in its 16th bowl and sixth in the last seven years. UT is 11-4 all-time in bowl games, including a 32-17 victory last year over No. 24 Temple in the Marmot Boca Raton Bowl in Candle's first game as UT's head coach.

Appalachian State is 9-3 and 7-1 in the Sun Belt Conference. The Mountaineers finished as co-champions of the Sun Belt along with Arkansas State. Appalachian State is coached by Scott Satterfield, a former Toledo assistant who has been the Mountaineers' head coach for four seasons. Satterfield was the passing game coordinator/quarterbacks coach at UT in 2009 under then-head coach Tim Beckman.

Toledo and Appalachian State will meet on the football field for the first time in the 2016 Raycom Media Camellia Bowl.

This is the third year for the Raycom Camellia Bowl. Bowling Green won the inaugural matchup over South Alabama, 33-28, in 2014. Appalachian State defeated Ohio last year, 31-29.