

UT selected as one of six partners in U.S. to join first research network on misdemeanor justice

By Christine Billau

The University of Toledo has been selected to join a new national research network to study trends in low-level crimes to inform smarter criminal justice policies that enhance public safety, increase public trust in police, and save tax dollars.

The Research Network on Misdemeanor Justice is run by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York and funded by a \$3.25 million grant from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation.

The John Jay College of Criminal Justice began focusing on misdemeanors in New York City years ago and is expanding the study's scope to include six other cities. UT received a three-year, \$169,000 grant to analyze local data and work with research institutions throughout the country.

In addition to Toledo, joining the new national alliance with New York City are Los Angeles, Seattle, St. Louis, Durham,

N.C., and Prince Georges County in Maryland for a total of seven jurisdictions throughout the country working together.

"The University of Toledo is proud to be a part of this pioneering national project to inform policy discussions and reform because misdemeanors are the bulk of what police officers deal with every day, but there is not much research on it," said Dr. David Lilley, assistant professor of criminal justice and the research director of the misdemeanor justice project at UT. "The vast majority of arrests are low-level offenses that carry a maximum sentence of up to one year in jail, such as drug possession, petty theft, simple assault and driving on a suspended license."

Misdemeanors accounted for approximately 90 percent of total arrests by Toledo police officers in 2015 when there

were 22,463 misdemeanor arrests and 2,296 felony arrests.

"Misdemeanors are the lion's share of the charges that we usually bring against suspects," Toledo Police Chief George Kral said. "I'm hoping this study gives us more ideas on what works and what doesn't work. That valuable intelligence will help me change policy, if necessary, to make the whole process more efficient, keep the community safe, and give defendants the help they need. If we could nip it in the bud at the misdemeanor level, we could stop someone from escalating to felonies in the future."

Toledo was chosen as part of the misdemeanor study out of 39 that applied, in part, because of the collaborations UT researchers already have with local law enforcement and the ongoing criminal

justice reform efforts underway in Lucas County.

"We are one of the smallest cities on the list, but one of the factors that puts us ahead of the curve is that we have been doing this type of data analysis at UT for years by working with the Toledo Police Department," said Dr. Kasey Tucker-Gail, associate professor of criminal justice, director of the Urban Policing and Crime Analysis Initiative, and principal investigator for the misdemeanor justice research project at UT. "TPD's advanced data system is one of the best. Being chosen for John Jay College's misdemeanor project is an honor that rewards our teamwork."

UT researchers say many police agencies across the country do not know how many misdemeanor arrests result in incarceration.

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Promises to keep



Photos by Daniel Miller

Alex Sheen, who started the international social movement because I said I would, talked about the power of promises kept Feb. 16 in Doermann Theater as part of the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series. With poignant examples that made audience members laugh, cry and think deeply about their actions, he urged the nearly 600 in attendance to practice their humanity by keeping promises made to themselves and to others. Sheen gave promise cards to attendees so they could write and post promises to a banner that will be in the lower level of the Thompson Student Union starting Feb. 20.

University's strategic plan taking shape

By Barbara J. Owens

After several months of work and with the input of more than 1,000 people at the University, the strategic planning committee has defined the major areas of focus for the institution over the next five years.

The team shared the plan framework with various groups of University leaders last week, and soon will be conducting information sessions with students, faculty, staff and the community to review major components of the plan.

Areas of focus include:

- Student success and academic excellence;
- Research, scholarship and creative activities;
- Faculty, staff and alumni;
- Fiscal positioning and infrastructure; and
- Reputation and engagement.

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“Part of what we’re doing is taking a close look at the outcomes and conduct cross-site analyses to figure out how to increase efficiency and effectiveness,” Lilley said. “Are people ending up in jail? Fined? Are charges dropped because the system is overburdened or there is not enough evidence? Are suspects going through a diversion program, such as drug court? Our research alliance will examine trends and outcomes of misdemeanor arrests, summonses, pedestrian stops and pre-trial detention at the local level.”

The University of Toledo will work with the Toledo Police Department, Northern Ohio Regional Information Systems and the Toledo-Lucas County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council as part of the project.

“Hopefully, this research will help guide new alternatives for individuals that may need help instead of punishment,” said Holly Matthews, attorney and executive director of the Toledo-Lucas County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. “We’re working on reducing our jail population by 18 percent. This misdemeanor project is going to help show the trends over the last three or four years — especially with the opioid epidemic — that we’re seeing locally. We have already been working proactively with the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to address other options besides

incarceration for individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues.”

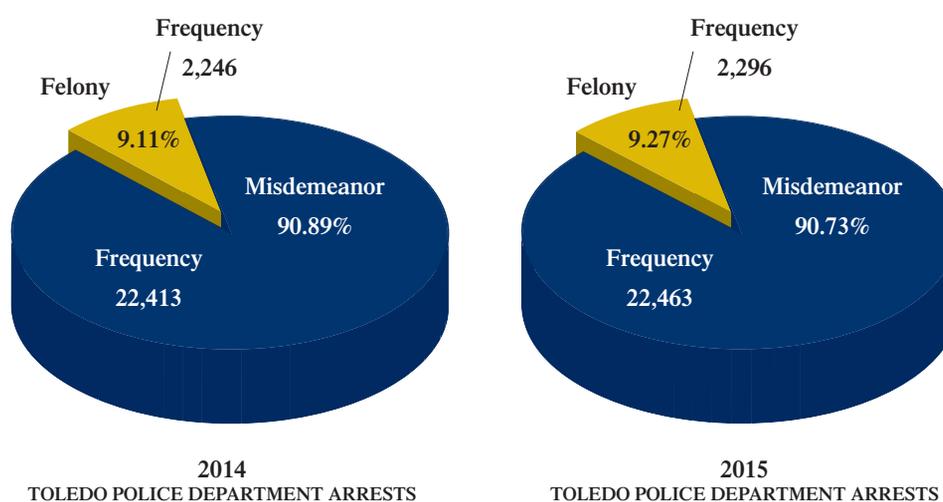
Research partners for the Misdemeanor Justice Project also include the University of California in Los Angeles, North Carolina Central University, Seattle University, the University of Maryland and the University of Missouri in St. Louis.

“To see the work of the Misdemeanor Justice Project expand from New York City to six other jurisdictions is very exciting,” said Dr. Preeti Chauhan, assistant professor of psychology at John Jay College and principal investigator of the research network. “We are looking forward to replicating the New York model to these sites and believe the results will guide smarter criminal justice reform.”

“The network has generated an outpouring of academic and government interest in pioneering a national conversation around enforcement of lower-level crimes — something that leads a large number of individuals to enter our justice system,” said Matt Alsdorf, vice president of criminal justice for the Laura and John Arnold Foundation. “We are proud of the diverse U.S. cities leading this conversation, and we look forward to learning how the research partnerships inform local and national justice policies for the long term.”



MONITORING MISDEMEANORS: UT is one of six universities in the country to join a national research network to study trends in low-level crimes. The study started in New York City.



Strategic plan

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The team also identified themes that cut across all of the areas of focus.

Those include:

- Athletics;
- Communications;
- Community engagement;
- Diversity and inclusion;
- Fundraising;
- Innovation;
- Technology; and
- UT’s Health System.

In addition to the plan, the strategic planning committee is working on new drafts of the University’s mission, vision, values and purpose statements.

“It is exciting to see the plan taking shape,” said UT President Sharon L. Gaber. “It’s clear that we have a lot of things we’d like to do, and we are beginning to make progress in the areas of the overarching goals.”

Students, faculty and staff will have an opportunity to review the plan and discuss the proposed goals in the information sessions planned for Tuesday, Feb. 28, and Wednesday, March 1; see the chart at right.

STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION SESSIONS

Tuesday, February 28	Wednesday, March 1
Faculty, 10-11 a.m. CCE 0111, HSC	Staff, 10-11 a.m. CCE 0111, HSC
Students, noon-1 p.m. CCE 0111, HSC	Faculty, 1-2 p.m. SU 2582, MC
Students, 7-8 p.m. SU 2582, MC	Staff, 3-4 p.m. SU 2582, MC
	Public, 5:30-6:30 p.m. RH 1551, MC

Thank you



Photo by Daniel Miller

It was standing-room-only as more than 200 attended the Feb. 10 reception for Dr. Nagi Naganathan, dean of the College of Engineering, seated at left, with his wife, Kasturi, Provost Andrew Hsu, President Sharon L. Gaber, and Dr. Thomas Brady and his wife, Elizabeth. After three decades at UT, Naganathan is leaving to become the seventh president of the Oregon Institute of Technology. Naganathan joined the UT faculty in 1986 and led the College of Engineering as dean since 2003 after serving as the college's interim dean for two years. He also served as interim president of the University from 2014 to 2015. He received several gifts and honors at the event that was held in the Thomas and Elizabeth Brady Engineering Innovation Center. Two funds were established in his name, the Dean Nagi Naganathan Engineering Student Career Success Fund and the Dean Nagi Naganathan Student Opportunity Fund. The latter fund will be used to name the Engineering Dean's Conference Room in Naganathan's honor. Under his leadership, the College of Engineering has achieved record high student enrollments and elevated its mandatory co-op experience program — one of only eight in the nation.

Story time



Hedyeh Elahinia, co-president of the UT Muslim Students Association and sophomore studying biology, explained how the open-mic storytelling event, "7 Countries, 7 Stories," was created to bring community members together. Approximately 125 students, faculty, staff and community members heard individuals share happy, sad and heartfelt stories about their life experiences Feb. 15 in the Thompson Student Union. The event was organized by the UT Muslim Students Association and the UT Office of Diversity and Inclusion in partnership with the UT Black Student Union, Latino Student Union, the Gamma Nu chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc., and the International Students Association. It was sponsored by the Center for International Studies and Programs, Jesup Scott Honors College, and Division of Student Affairs.

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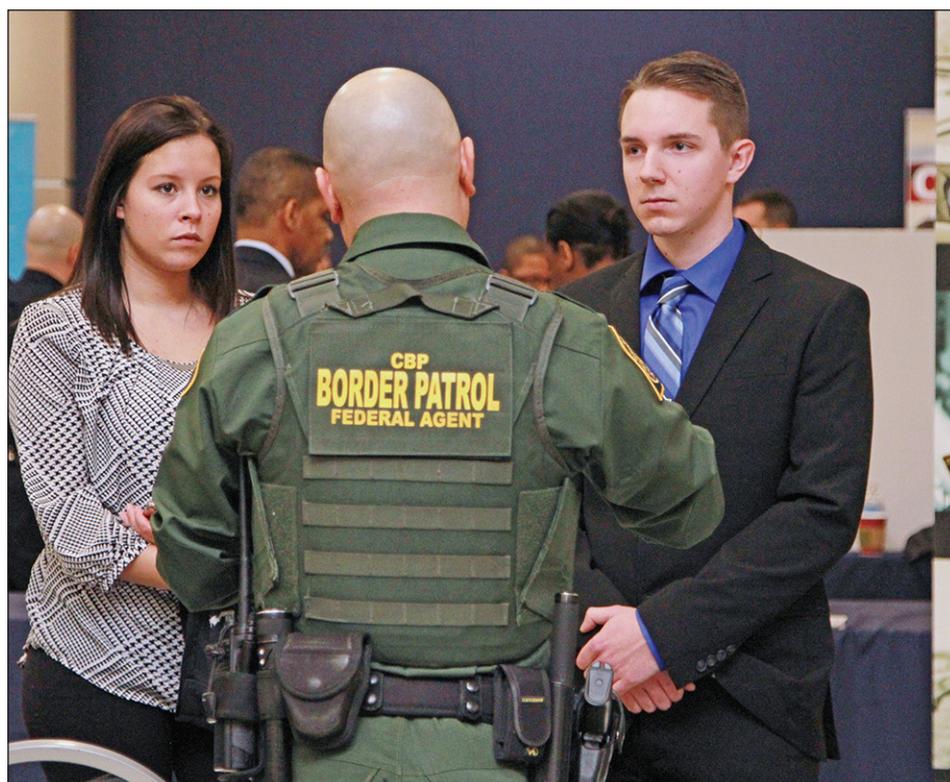
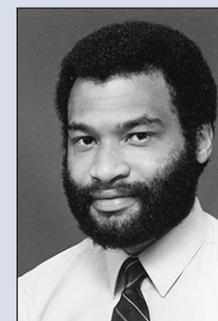


Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

Students Angelina Laura and Corbin Haas talked to an agent from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection at a career and internship fair held Feb. 2 by the Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies programs in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium. Representatives from nearly 90 agencies met with students interested in law enforcement, corrections, social work, probation and legal specialties.

In memoriam

Dr. Samuel S. Aryeetey-Attoh, Bolingbrook, Ill., died Feb. 6 at age 60. He joined the UT faculty in 1987 as an assistant professor in the Department of Geography and Planning. Aryeetey-Attoh served as chair of the department from 1996 to 2003. He was named a Master Teacher in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1993 and 1995; department chairs and committees of peers selected faculty members for this designation so large sections of introductory courses would be taught by highly experienced educators.



Aryeetey-Attoh

Roy E. Barnes, Toledo, professor emeritus of library administration, died Feb. 6 at age 86. He joined the University in 1957 as a library assistant. Five years later, Barnes was promoted to chief periodicals librarian. In 1968, Barnes was named assistant professor of library administration and serials librarian. He served on the UT Credit Union board. He retired in 1992, but continued working part time for seven years. Barnes received a bachelor of education degree in 1957 and a master of education degree in 1962 from the University. He and his wife were avid fans of the Rockets and held season tickets for football and men's and women's basketball for more than 50 years.

Margaret M. "Mardy" (Young) Potter, Toledo, a former UT employee who retired in 1995, died Feb. 10 at age 94.

UT ready to celebrate Engineers Week

Nerf gun tournaments, marble racing and more will be part of The University of Toledo's recognition of Engineers Week, Feb. 19-25.

The annual "E-week" was started by the national organization, DiscoverE, to celebrate how engineers make a difference in the world, increase public dialogue about the need for engineers, and bring engineering to life for students, educators and parents.

Spearheaded by the UT Engineering Council, student organizations at the College of Engineering have planned events in the spirit of E-week.

Listed by date, highlights for the week will include:

MONDAY, FEB. 20

- E-week Kickoff Luncheon, 11 a.m., Nitschke Hall. This event will spotlight diversity as students and faculty will add pins to a map to represent their countries/states of origin.
- Tire Bowling, 3:30 p.m., first floor of Nitschke Hall.

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

- Engineer for a Day, 9 a.m. Area high school students will tour UT's engineering facilities and have lunch with College of Engineering students and professional engineers before spending the afternoon shadowing a practicing engineering professional in the community.
- Concrete Bowling, 12:30 p.m., first floor of Nitschke Hall.
- Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream, 3 p.m., first floor of Nitschke Hall.
- Catapult Competition, 4 p.m., first floor of Nitschke Hall.
- Historical Spotlight on Black Engineers, 5 p.m., first floor of Nitschke Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

- Spring Career Expo, 12:30 p.m., Engineering Complex. More than 140 companies will visit campus to meet with approximately 600 UT engineering students and graduates. See story below.
- The Mr. and Ms. Engineering pageant-style competition, 6:45 p.m., Nitschke Hall Auditorium.

THURSDAY, FEB. 23

- Nerf Gun Skill Tournament, noon, Nitschke Hall.
- Egg-Drop Contest, 1 p.m., first floor of Nitschke Hall. Students will test

their small, lightweight containers designed to protect a raw egg dropped from successive heights.

FRIDAY, FEB. 24

- Corn Hole Tournament, noon, first floor of Nitschke Hall.
- Student Entrepreneur Expo, 2:30 p.m., first floor of Nitschke Hall. Freshman engineering students will be showcasing their projects, which include a trash can bracket for a lawn mower, an iron-on insert to increase the size of pockets in women's jeans, a radial dog collar, a modified ankle brace, and more.

- Balloon Rocket, 2 p.m., first floor of Nitschke Hall.
- Marble Racing, 4 p.m., first floor of Nitschke Hall.

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

- Private Screening of "Dream Big," 2 p.m., Franklin Park Mall. Free passes are available; call 419.530.8040 to learn more.

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Spring Engineering Career Expo set for Feb. 22

More than 140 companies will have representatives at the UT Spring Engineering Career Expo Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the College of Engineering Complex.

"Our employer participants include companies such as American Electric Power, Cooper Tire and Rubber, Dana, DTE Energy, DePuy Synthes/Johnson & Johnson, Fiat Chrysler, First Energy, Ford Motor Co., GE, Honda, Marathon, Nationwide, Norfolk Southern, Owens Corning, Owens-Illinois, Zimmer Biomet and many more," said

Dr. Vickie Kuntz, director of the Engineering Career Development Center.

Approximately 600 engineering students, graduates and alumni are expected to attend the expo.

"The current job outlook for engineering students in the UT Engineering College is certainly bright as evidenced by the record number of employers registered to attend the college's spring career expo," Kuntz said. "This reflects very positively on the quality of both our programs and our students. It also demonstrates our dynamic

and mutually beneficial partnership we have with our industry participants."

Employers are seeking undergraduate students to participate in engineering co-op assignments, as well as leadership development programs. Employers also are seeking seniors and graduates for full-time employment.

The UT College of Engineering undergraduate mandatory co-op program is one of only eight mandatory engineering co-op programs in the country.

"Many students indicate our co-op program is the reason they attend the UT

College of Engineering," Kuntz said.

"Our program requires our students to graduate with one full year of professional engineering experience. Our students feel confident seeking full-time employment upon graduation. Co-op employers are able to work with these students and are able to determine how the student fits within their organizations. It's a win-win situation for our students and the employers who hire them."

For more information, go to eng.utoledo.edu/coop/career_expo or contact Kuntz at vickie.kuntz@utoledo.edu.

Black Student Union to host 'All Around the World' fashion show Feb. 24

By Madison Vasko

The Black Student Union's 48th Annual Fashion Show is set to feature the diversity that the UT campus offers. This year's theme, "All Around the World," will showcase fashion from countries across the globe that many students call home.

"There will be four countries presented throughout the show," said McKayla Pullins, president of the Black Student Union. "The countries represented are Brazil, Jamaica, India and China."

Pullins explained how this year's theme was chosen: "Each year around the middle of the fall semester, we hold scene director auditions. These auditions

consist of a vision of the show, giving the students a wide and open range of creativity and originality. This year we chose the theme 'All Around the World,' which was presented to us by one of the executive board members of BSU, Kyndra Gaines."

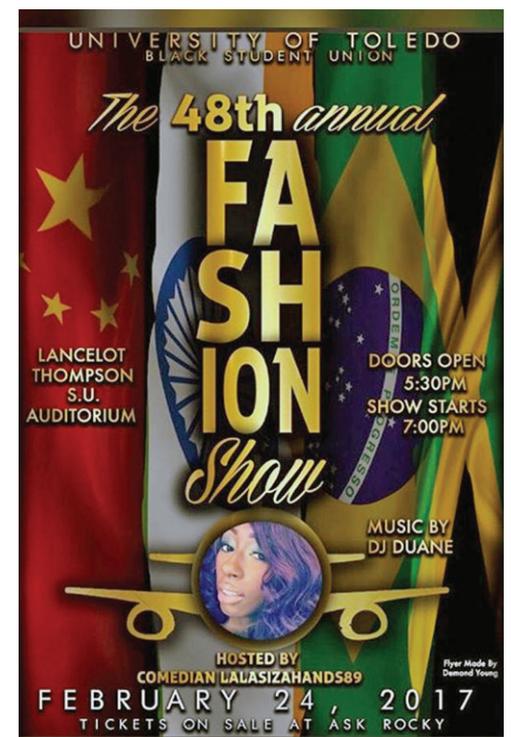
Each year, the Black Student Union chooses a celebrity to host the event. This year's fashion show will be hosted by Vine and Instagram comedienne Lala (@lalasizahands89).

The event will take place Friday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, and \$15 for VIP seating in the front row, meet-and-greet with the host, and hors d'oeuvres prior to the show. They are available for purchase at Ask Rocky, and will be at the door for \$15 and \$20, respectively.

All proceeds from the fashion show go toward scholarships to support African-American students.

For more information, contact Pullins at mekayla.pullins@rockets.utoledo.edu.



Learn Chinese tea ceremony history and etiquette

By Madison Vasko

Originating in 2737 BC, the tea ceremony is a testament to the impact the drink holds on Chinese culture. With its multitude of health benefits, tea and the act of preparing and serving it is also a means of socialization. These practices differ greatly from other countries, such as Britain and Japan.

"China has the earliest records of tea consumption with records dating back to the 10th-century BC," said Xinren Yu, program coordinator at the UT Confucius Institute. "Tea was thriving in the Song Dynasty and popular among literati and poets. In the Tang Dynasty, 618-907 AD, one of China's golden ages, tea drinking became an art."

It is this deep cultural connection to the beverage that inspired the Chinese tea ceremony class series. The six-class series aims to educate UT community members on the finer points of appreciating and preparing tea.

"We hope that students will not only enjoy the taste of tea, but also learn Chinese culture and tea culture in the class," Yu said. "Students who are interested in Chinese culture and Chinese tea ceremony will learn about the different types of Chinese tea, utensils for making and drinking tea, stories about tea from ancient times to the Tang Dynasty, as well as how people drink tea nowadays in China."

Special occasions where one might be served tea include family gatherings and weddings. Serving the beverage to another person is a sign of respect, gratitude and apology. This means that most times,



Chinese Tea Ceremony Class

younger generations are the ones serving tea to their elders.

With the expansive tea culture in China, every home has the materials necessary to brew a cup of tea. Hospitality to guests always includes serving tea and sitting down for conversation.

The price to attend the session is \$20, with the classes meeting Wednesdays, March 15 to April 19, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100.

In addition to the series, free walk-in classes will be available Fridays, Feb. 24, and March 3 and 10, also from 2 to 3 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100. These classes will serve as an introduction to the Chinese tea ceremony, with different types of tea being briefly presented, as well as a demonstration of one type of tea ceremony.

Those interested in learning more about the Chinese tea ceremony may sign up for the class series with Tea Master Xiangling Gong at xiangling.gong@utoledo.edu.

Tea time



Xiangling Gong explained the Chinese tea ceremony to students during the Confucius Institute's eighth annual Chinese New Year celebration and Spring Festival. Those who attended the Feb. 13 event in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium learned about various Chinese traditions through hands-on activities, including lantern painting, string piano playing, calligraphy and paper cutting.

Wanted: Outstanding Staff Award nominations

Nominations for the 2017 UT Outstanding Staff Award are due Thursday, March 16.

Take a few minutes to nominate staff members who exceed expectations and enhance the University environment for students, patients, staff, faculty and the community.

Eligible nominees must be full-time or part-time (20 hours or more) regular employees (contingent, temporary and intermittent employees are not eligible), and have at least two years of service at the University.

Senior administrators and previous award recipients are ineligible if they have received the Outstanding Staff Award within the past three years.

All nominees will be acknowledged at an awards ceremony Wednesday, April 19, at the Thomas and Elizabeth Brady Engineering Innovation Center from noon to 1:30 pm. A total of five employees will be selected to receive awards and \$1,000.

In addition, the Diane Hymore Exemplar of Excellence Award will be presented.

Nominations will be accepted from faculty, physicians, staff, students, patients and community members.

The selection committee for the awards consists of previous winners and a representative from the Human Resources and Talent Development Department.

The selection committee will consider:

- Career accomplishments and outstanding contributions on the job;
- Commitment to improvement and innovation; and
- Leadership and loyalty to The University of Toledo community.

The nomination form is available at utoledo.edu/depts/hr/employee-engagement/webforms/outstanding_staff_nomination_form.html.

If you have any issues with the online form, email vicki.riddick@utoledo.edu.

Nominations needed for Outstanding Faculty Research and Scholarship Award

Monday, Feb. 27, is the deadline to submit nominations for the UT Outstanding Faculty Research and Scholarship Award.

Since 1985, this award has recognized full-time faculty members who have contributed to the University through outstanding research, scholarship and creative activity in any academic discipline.

Any full-time faculty member who made valuable contributions during his or her time at the University and has not received the award in the past is eligible. A list of past winners is available at utoledo.edu/research/ofra.

Both self-nominations and peer-nominations are being accepted.

Nominations must use the form available at utoledo.edu/research/ofra and address:

- The nature and significance of the research, scholarship or creative activity upon which the nomination is based;
- The impact of the research, scholarship or creative activity on the nominee's area of specialization;
- How the research, scholarship or creative activity was presented and disseminated to the nominee's

peers and to the wider professional community;

- Awards, honors or other recognition of the significance of the research, scholarship or creative activity;
- Support received for the nominee's activities; and
- A complete curriculum vitae and signed and dated letters of recommendation (reprints, books and posters will not be accepted).

The Outstanding Research and Scholarship Selection Committee, which consists of past winners of this award, will review all materials. Dr. Frank Calzonetti, vice president of research, will present the committee's recommendations to the provost.

"The quality of research and scholarship conducted every day at UT is amazing," Calzonetti said. "This is a chance to submit nominations so deserving individuals receive recognition."

Winners will receive \$1,500 and formal recognition at the UT Outstanding Awards Reception Monday, April 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Ingman Room.

Nomination forms and questions should be submitted to ofrsa@utoledo.edu.

Doggone



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

Natalie Zerucha, a junior in the College of Business and Innovation, held Milo Feb. 14 at the dog kissing booth in front of the Thompson Student Union. The social media team from the Office of Marketing and Communications hosted the event, which featured three dachshunds: Milo, Cooper and Gregory. "We wanted to give our students the chance to take a moment to relax and play with some dogs," Cam Norton, assistant director for social media, said. "UT students have enjoyed seeing dogs on campus and through our new Instagram account, UToledo Dogs." Zerucha, a social media intern, helped at the booth.

Women's rights, immigration policy to be subject of faculty showcase Feb. 24

The University of Toledo's School of Interdisciplinary Studies will host a faculty showcase focusing on women's rights and immigration policy Friday, Feb. 24, in Libbey Hall.

The showcase will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar and light refreshments, followed by presentations by two faculty members on research they have developed during the past year.

Dr. Asma Abdel Halim, associate professor and chair of the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, will discuss women's rights in the Sudan, which ranks No. 5 on the list of countries affected by President Donald Trump's travel ban. She will examine women's rights in the Sudan from a legal perspective, including the issues that face women in the country, as well as what local and international women's organizations are doing to change Sudanese laws and regulations affecting women.

Dr. Karie Peralta, assistant professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, will focus her presentation on the efforts of non-governmental organizations

to assist Haitian migrants in the Dominican Republic in navigating the documentation process needed to regularize their status. She will present information gathered from in-depth interviews with non-governmental organization leaders working with the migrants.

"As the community prepares to commemorate Women's History Month in March and continues to wrestle with issues of immigration, these presentations will give attendees the opportunity to explore these topics in greater depth led by UT faculty members who have specialized in researching these subjects," said Dr. Jim Ferris, director of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Ability Center of Greater Toledo Endowed Chair in Disability Studies.

The School of Interdisciplinary Studies, part of the College of Arts and Letters, is the leading engine of interdisciplinary scholarship in the humanities and social sciences at the University. The school offers bachelor's and master's degrees in 10 fields that work between as well as across disciplinary boundaries to find innovative ways to solve problems.

Financial planning and retirement to be subjects of Professional Staff Association brown-bag seminar Feb. 28

By Madison Vasko

The Professional Staff Association (PSA) knows how important it is to invest in your future.

When its 2016 professional development survey revealed a need for more education on retirement and financial planning, PSA responded with brown-bag seminars on Ohio Deferred Compensation Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Ohio Deferred Compensation is a supplemental retirement plan for Ohio employees, and is one of the largest and lowest priced plans in the country.

Brent Tabler, account executive for Ohio Deferred Compensation, will speak at the sessions and inform employees on how they can enroll in the program.

Emily T. Creamer, assistant director for engineering transfer programs, said that the events are open to all members of the UT community interested in personal finance.

“Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch or coffee while they learn about the supplemental retirement plan,” Creamer

said. “I’m looking forward to learning about an additional option. Since I’m in my early 30s, I have a long time until I retire. I do know that financial planning is important, which is why PSA decided to bring an expert on campus to share this information.”

A session from 11 a.m. to noon will be held in Collier Building Room 1210 on Health Science Campus, and another will take place from 1 to 2 p.m. in Rocket Hall Rocket Room on Main Campus.

Visit <http://www.utoledo.edu/org/psa/webforms/deferredcompensation.html> to RSVP for the event.

To learn more about Ohio Deferred Compensation, visit ohio457.org, or contact Tabler at tablerb@nationwide.com or 614.579.9817.

To learn more about the seminar, contact Creamer at emily.creamer@utoledo.edu or 419.530.8048.

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Rockets, Learfield extend radio contract with iHeartMedia Toledo through 2021-22

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo and Learfield recently announced the extension of its current radio contract with iHeartMedia Toledo through the 2021-22 athletic year.

iHeartMedia will produce all UT football, men's basketball and women's basketball games for the UT Health Rocket Sports Radio Network. WSPD (1370 AM and 92.9 FM) will remain the network's flagship station to broadcast a variety of the University's athletic games and events.

"We continuously strive to deliver quality broadcasts for our fans and believe that our long standing affiliation with iHeartMedia Toledo will be the foundation for a strong partnership moving forward. We're pleased to have them as our flagship another five years," said Luke Reiff, general manager for Learfield's Rocket Sports Properties, the Toledo Rockets' athletics multimedia rights holder since 2007.

"We are very pleased to continue our relationship with iHeartMedia Toledo," said UT Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O'Brien. "We have a very strong and comprehensive radio presence with iHeartMedia Toledo and the UT Health Rocket Sports Radio Network that offers

tremendous exposure for our football, men's basketball and women's basketball programs. We look forward to many more years of Rocket Athletics on WSPD and all our stations in the network."

iHeartMedia Toledo Market President Kellie Holeman-Szenderski added, "iHeartMedia Toledo has been a proud partner of the Toledo Rockets since 1965. Our partnership goes deeper than our radio contract. We look forward to continuing our successful relationship to produce college athletics content for the Toledo community."

The UT Health Rocket Sports Radio Network consists of seven stations, including flagship station WSPD (1370AM and 92.9 FM) in Toledo. WSPD has been carrying UT football and men's basketball games since 1965. Rocket women's basketball contests have been carried in Toledo on WCWA (AM 1230) for the past 14 years. WSPD also carries the UT Coach's Show every Monday night during the football and basketball seasons. All the games and the UT Coach's Show also are streamed live at UTRockets.com and on mobile devices.

UT Health Rocket Sports Radio Network

Toledo	WSPD*	1370AM / 92.9FM
Toledo	WCWA-AM	1230
Archbold	WMTR-FM	96.1
Bellevue	WOHF-FM	92.1
Cleveland	WJMO-AM	1300
Fostoria	WBVI-FM	96.7
Hicksville	WFGA-FM	106.7

* Flagship station



Women's golf to hold Paint, Wine and Cheese Night March 21 to raise funds

By Steve Easton

The University of Toledo women's golf program will host a Paint, Wine and Cheese Night Tuesday, March 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the west concourse of Savage Arena.

The fundraiser is being held to benefit the Rockets' trip to Hawaii next fall for the Rainbow Wahine Invitational.

"We're very excited about the opportunity to gather our supporters for an evening of fun to celebrate our program," two-time Mid-American Conference Women's Golf Coach of the Year Nicole Hollingsworth said. "Our entire team will be on hand to paint along with our guests and are excited to unlock their inner artists along with you."

Attendees will be directed through a step-by-step process of creating their own "masterpiece" by professional artists. Youth ages 14 and older are welcome to attend with a participating adult.

Tickets for the event are \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. A table of six also can

be purchased for \$425. Admission includes two hours of painting on your own specially designed canvas as well as cheese, crackers and wine.

For more information, contact Hollingsworth at 419.530.7761 or nicole.hollingsworth@utoledo.edu.

The women's golf program produced its best season in school history during the 2015-16 campaign. The Rockets set school records with five tournament titles and a 298.3 stroke average and nearly dethroned 18-time champion Kent State at the Mid-American Conference Championships. UT finished just four strokes behind the Golden Flashes to register its third second-place showing in the last four years and sixth top three showing in the conference tournament over the last seven years.

The team won its opening tournament of the spring Feb. 11 with a 12-stroke victory over Southern Illinois at the Ball State Sunshine Invitational in Port St. Lucie, Fla.



Three former Rockets to attend NFL Combine

By Paul Helgren

Former Rocket football stars Kareem Hunt, Michael Roberts and Treyvon Hester will participate in the 2017 NFL Combine Tuesday, Feb. 28, through Monday, March 6, in Indianapolis.

The NFL Combine is a highly selective venue for college players to display their skills in front of hundreds of coaches and executives. This is the highest number of Toledo players that has ever been invited to the prestigious event.

"Many of our players had the opportunity to play in post-season games like the Senior Bowl and East-West Shrine Bowl, and really helped themselves by playing well," said Toledo Head Coach Jason Candle. "Now Kareem, Michael and Treyvon will have a chance to show what they can do at the NFL Combine. We will also have our Pro Day here [Monday, March 20], which will give our players more evaluation pieces to add to their resumés."

Hunt, Toledo's all-time leading rusher with 4,945 yards, ran for 118 yards and was named the North's Most Outstanding Player at the 2017 Reese's Senior Bowl Jan. 28. Roberts, a first-team All-America tight end, also played in the game, catching one pass for four yards.

Roberts joined former two-time All-Mid-American Conference offensive lineman Storm Norton at the East-West Shrine Bowl Jan. 21.

Hester, a three-time All-MAC defensive tackle, was invited to play in the Shrine Bowl, but he was sidelined with an injury.



Hunt