

PhD student spreading love to children with cancer on Valentine's Day

By Christine Billau

Love is in the air year-round for Michaela Margida. The 29-year-old University of Toledo PhD student who solves environmental problems through mathematical modeling prepares for Valentine's Day with a passion to put a smile on the faces of hundreds of children with cancer or other chronic illnesses.

"Valentine's Day is all about love, but it can end up feeling isolating for those children because of social stigma associated with illness, appearance changes or absences from school," Margida said. "Instead of being about the number of cards a child receives or whether someone has a crush on someone else, I wanted to take this holiday and reclaim it for these kids so they can forget about the way that illness affects their life just for a few minutes and feel special and loved."

Margida, a childhood brain tumor survivor, and her brother, Gregory, created the Valentine Project seven years ago. The nonprofit organization collects care packages from volunteers around the world and ships them to children's homes in time for Valentine's Day.

It's first year started with 80 children in Ohio. It has grown to nearly 1,000.

"For the first time this year, we branched out geographically," Margida said. "My brother moved to San Francisco and started a branch in California."



Photo by Daniel Miller

GOOD HEART: Michaela Margida started the Valentine Project seven years ago to brighten up the holiday for children with cancer and chronic illnesses.

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Miles to go: UT master's student/former basketball star 'Running Home' in Saharan marathon

By Cherie Spino

Serendipity. It's the perfect word to describe the fortuitous series of incidents that propelled Inma Zanguera, a University of Toledo master's student and former basketball player, to begin a journey to find her roots and connect to a family history she only recently discovered.

Later this month, Zanguera will travel to Africa, a continent she's never visited, to do something she's never done before — run a marathon.

The race won't be just a physical challenge for 24-year-old Zanguera. It will be an emotional and spiritual one as well.

When she was 3 years old, Zanguera and her two older siblings were adopted by a family in Mallorca, Spain. While she was growing up, Zanguera knew nothing of her biological family's origins. She never asked.

At 17, she came to UT to study communication and business and play

basketball. She graduated in 2015 and played basketball professionally in Europe. While in London in 2016, her sister sent her a picture of a document that she'd just found about her adoption.

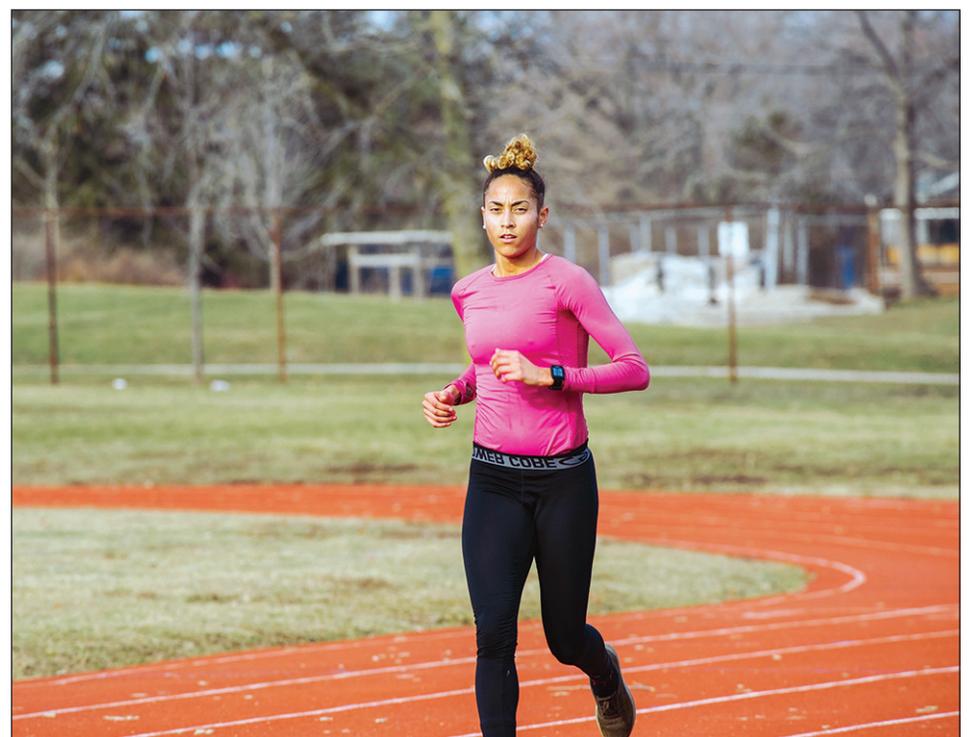
That single piece of paper changed everything.

"My sister must have known I was ready for the answers," Zanguera said.

Zanguera knew that her biological mother had died, but not much else. All the questions that she'd been holding inside for 20 years spilled out.

She pored over the adoption document. She discovered that she and her mother shared the same name. That her mom came from Laayoune, a city in Western Sahara, a place Zanguera had never heard of.

The information stirred something in her, Zanguera said, and she scoured the Internet for hours to learn about the region.



THE LONG RUN: Inma Zanguera jogged on the UT track to train for a marathon in the Sahara Desert.

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UT College of Medicine, ProMedica to launch new joint Neurosciences Center

The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences and ProMedica are collaborating on a joint Neurosciences Center that will advance education, research and care for patients with neurological disorders.

Set to open in April, the new facility is a state-of-the-art, three-story, 122,000-square-foot building on the north campus of ProMedica Toledo Hospital. It features academic facilities for students, residents and faculty, as well as centralized services for neurology and neurosurgery, including physician clinics, radiology, diagnostics, rehabilitation therapy and a research clinic.

The innovative partnership, which is an expansion of the Academic Affiliation between the University and ProMedica, will bring together UT faculty, physicians and researchers with ProMedica physicians in a single location to improve the quality of life for people living with disorders of the brain, spine, nerves and muscles.

The direct interaction between scientific researchers and clinical staff will provide patients the latest and most promising treatments for their conditions and provide students, residents and fellows

a wide variety of experiences to enhance their education in an interdisciplinary setting. The joint Neurosciences Center will advance treatment for common disorders, including stroke; epilepsy; headache; movement disorders such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and other dementias; multiple sclerosis; and vestibular disorders that cause dizziness.

The center will be led by UT's Dr. Gretchen Tietjen, Clair Martig Chair and Distinguished Professor of Neurology, and ProMedica's Darrin Arquette, senior vice president for Neurosciences, Heart and Orthopaedics Institutes at ProMedica.



COMING SOON: The joint Neurosciences Center, shown in this rendering, is scheduled to open in April.

The joint Neurosciences Center builds on successful previous collaboration between UT and ProMedica to create a comprehensive stroke program in the region that provides lifesaving interventional

therapies for patients with acute stroke and non-surgical treatment of brain aneurysms.

Rocket return



Photo by Sam Smolenski

Dr. Robert Dempsey, NASA flight director for the International Space Station at Johnson Space Center's Mission Control in Houston, met with physics students last week. The UT alumnus was on campus Feb. 8 to give a talk titled "Houston, We Have a Problem — When Things Go Wrong on the International Space Station." His appearance was part of the University's continuing celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Ritter Astrophysics Research Center. Dempsey received a master's degree and PhD in physics from UT in 1987 and 1991.

Worldview



Photo by Daniel Miller

UT alumna Shamila Chaudhary, a foreign policy analyst and photographer based in Washington, D.C., visited last week with Jesup Scott Honors College students. She returned to campus and delivered a lecture titled "The Meaning of America, at Home and Abroad" Feb. 8 in Doermann Theater. Chaudhary, the senior adviser to Dean Vali Nasr of the Johns Hopkins University School for Advanced International Studies, received a bachelor's degree in English literature and women's studies from the UT Honors College and former College of Arts and Sciences in 1999. Her talk marked the second of this year's Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture series.

UTPD seeks feedback on community engagement

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo Police Department is seeking feedback on the service it provides to campus and recent efforts to enhance relationships between police officers and the University community.

UT students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the Toledo community, are asked to take a short survey available online or in paper format that seeks information about how safe you feel on campus, how much you trust the police, and how you engage with campus police officers.

“Last summer we received a \$37,000 grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services to support initiatives

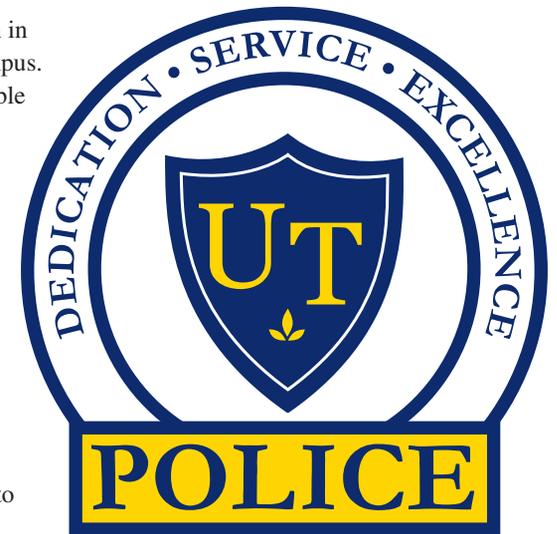
aimed at improving relationships between the campus community and UTPD,” said Jeff Newton, UT police chief and director of public safety. “We used those funds to support events like Meet the Office of Public Safety Day and Pizza with the Police. Now we want to gauge how those efforts are impacting how the community engages with our officers.”

UTPD also enhanced its social media activity this year with a digital media campaign to communicate with the community through the department’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

The survey can be taken online at <http://police.utoledo.edu>, and paper copies

are available at the UTPD police station in the Transportation Center on Main Campus. UTPD also will make the survey available at the remaining Pizza with the Police events this semester, which will take place at noon Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Health and Human Services Building; Friday, March 23, in the Thompson Student Union; and Thursday, April 26, outside the Thompson Student Union.

The initial survey data will be collected through Saturday, May 5; however, the department plans to keep the survey available online to continue to receive feedback about its operations.



Valentine's Day

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The Valentine Project’s local drop-off point — Margida’s home in the Old Orchard neighborhood adjacent to campus — recently received a care package for a 5-year-old girl that includes a U.S. puzzle, Wonder Woman doll, stuffed poodle, book, heart-shaped box of chocolates, and a pair of Disney leggings.

Margida and her mother, along with other volunteers, examine each donated care package to ensure all gifts are safe and age appropriate. They add to the packages, if needed, and then ship them to reach the children by Valentine’s Day.

This labor of love is a way of giving back after the acts of kindness her family received when Margida was a little girl.

“I was 5 years old when I started getting sick,” Margida said. “After I had surgery to remove the brain tumor, I had to learn to walk and feed myself again. Hearing stories of how family and friends supported my family during that incredibly hard and scary time by bringing us a meal or visiting us in the hospital taught me that small acts of kindness can mean so very much to people going through difficult times. Those acts of kindness and love kept my parents going. That’s the spirit of the Valentine Project.”

This time of year, the charity work is all-consuming. Margida credits her PhD adviser, Dr. Daryl Moorhead in the Department of Environmental Sciences, with helping impose order on her “sometimes crazy life.”



Margida

Photo by Daniel Miller

When not organizing care packages, Margida is focused on her research in plant litter decomposition.

“I am interested in what happens to the carbon dioxide stored inside leaves and other plant parts when they die,” Margida said.

Before she arrived at UT, Margida worked as a marine biology teacher for

middle and high school students in Sarasota, Fla. She also volunteered with Jesuit Volunteer Corps to teach lower-income adults how to manage their electric bill through using less energy in Baltimore.

“I feel called to give back,” Margida said. “Life is happening right this moment, and we can all begin to make a difference today. Love is what will change the world.”

The Valentine Project is in need of volunteers and donations to help pay for shipping costs. Go to thevalentineproject.org to learn more. Registration begins in December to make a care package for Valentine’s Day 2019.

UT to celebrate Engineers Week by inspiring wonder in elementary, high school students

By Christine Billau

The University of Toledo will bring engineering to life for elementary and high school students in celebration of Engineers Week.

The theme of this year's events is "Inspiring Wonder."

Discover Engineering is a free, public event geared toward elementary school students and their families; it will take place Sunday, Feb. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Lois and Norman Nitschke Auditorium. It includes a showing of the movie "Dream Big," followed by hands-on activities organized by College of Engineering students.

The College of Engineering also will host its first Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day for students in fifth through eighth grades. Starting at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, girls from the Toledo area will tour UT's engineering facilities and have lunch with College of Engineering students and professional engineers before spending the afternoon doing hands-on activities.

Area high school students will get the opportunity to be an Engineer for a Day Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 9 a.m. on when they 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.

"Participants will learn that engineering is not just about being good at math and science. It requires curiosity, creativity and teamwork, and it is also fun," said Dr. Lesley Berhan, associate professor in the UT Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, and interim assistant dean of diversity, inclusion and community engagement. "About 20 percent of



engineering degrees nationwide are awarded to women. We hope the students are inspired to see their future selves working in one of

the many different fields of engineering to design, invent and create things to make our world better, safer, healthier and cleaner."



Hot wheels

Jon Henkler, a student majoring in electrical engineering, checked out an autonomous vehicle that was on display Feb. 7 in the Nitschke Technology Commercialization Complex in the Brady Engineering Innovation Center. The self-driving car was part of the kickoff seminar for "Technology Takes the Wheel," a bimonthly series to help drivers be informed, prepared and comfortable with the shift in mobility. The free, public talks are presented by the UT College of Engineering and AAA Northwest Ohio.

Photo by Daniel Miller

Sigma Tau Delta to host Post-Valentine's Day Poetry Reading Feb. 15

By Ashley Diel

The UT chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, an international honors English society, will host a Post-Valentine's Day Poetry Reading Thursday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2420.

Attendees will have the opportunity to read their own poem, read someone else's, or just listen.

The open-mic environment will allow attendees to express their anti-Valentine's Day poetry, but any and all subjects will be welcomed.

"Our event's title, Post-Valentine's Poetry Reading, is meant to reflect our event's theme," said Theresa Northcraft,

secretary of the UT chapter of Sigma Tau Delta. "We are playing with the stereotype of poets and poetry, satirizing overdone, bleeding-heart love poems in a fun, safe room full of empathetic peers. We've picked the day after Valentine's Day to capture the essence of our anti-message."

The free event is open to all UT students and aims to assemble and establish Toledo's community of English enthusiasts and aspiring creative writers.

For more information, contact Sigma Tau Delta at sigmataudeltabetarho@gmail.com.

Sigma Tau Delta

Post-Valentine's
Poetry Reading



Stanford professor to give Summers Memorial Lecture Feb. 20

By Ashley Diel

Dr. Roland Greene, Mark Pigott KBE Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences at Stanford University, will give the annual Richard M. Summers Memorial Lecture Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m. in Libbey Hall.

His lecture, "Inceptions of the English Baroque: Donne and Milton," will discuss instances of Baroque that are evident in literature from England — specifically John Donne's love poetry and John Milton's "Paradise Lost."

The term Baroque is used to describe a prominent art culture that reigned from 1600 till 1750 and is strongly associated with Italian and French art and architecture. However, the term remains difficult to observe and define.



Greene

Greene is the author of four books, most recently "Five Words: Critical Semantics in the Age of Shakespeare and

'Play it again, Sam'



The UT Department of Theatre and Film will screen "Casablanca" Friday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre. Shown from 16-millimeter film, the 1942 romantic drama directed by Michael Curtiz is set in World War II. A nightclub owner is faced with helping an old flame and her husband, a Czech resistance leader, escape Casablanca to continue fighting the Nazis. The 102-minute film stars Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Paul Henreid. Curtiz won an Academy Award for directing the film, which also received the Oscar for outstanding motion picture. Tickets — \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students, UT employees and alumni, military members, and seniors 60 and older — include popcorn and soft drink. Get tickets at utoledo.tix.com or by calling the Center for Performing Arts Box Office at 419.530.ARTS (2787). Read more about Fridays on Film and the department's 2017-18 season at utoledo.edu/all/svpa/theatrefilm/currentseason.

Cervantes," and is editor of the fourth edition of the "Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics." He was elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2017.

He is also the founder and director of Arcade, a digital salon for literary studies and the humanities at arcade.stanford.edu.

Greene received his bachelor's degree from Brown University and his PhD from Princeton University.

The free, public lecture will be followed by a reception.

The Richard M. Summers Memorial Lecture was established by Marie Summers to honor her son, a member of the UT Department of English from 1966 until his death in 1988. The lecture is designed to bring a distinguished literary scholar, critic or writer to the University.

For more information on the Summers Memorial Lecture, call the UT Department of English Language and Literature at 419.530.2318.

Pediatrician to reflect on career, life during Feb. 16 lecture

By James A. Molnar

Dr. Fadia Abaza, UT alumna and retired pediatrician, will give the Medical Student Council's 10th Annual Litzinger Legacy Lecture Friday, Feb. 16.

She will speak on "Three Worlds, Three Countries, Endless Lessons" from 5 to 7 p.m. in Health Education Building Room 110 on Health Science Campus.

Abaza received her medical degree from Damascus University Faculty of Medicine and completed a residency in pediatrics at the former Medical College of Ohio. She practiced in Maumee.

The event is an opportunity for a distinguished faculty member or graduate to share her or his reflections on career, service and life with students and other members of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences' community.

Food will be served during Abaza's talk.

The Legacy Lecture series is inspired by the book titled "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch and is named in honor of Amie Litzinger, a 2013 alumna of the UT College of Medicine, who was integral in its formation.

Special recognition



Photo by James A. Molnar

Katie Fontaine, left, and Maria Paulett, second-year students in the Physician Assistant Studies Program class of 2018, showed off the new patches they received Jan. 30 for their white coats. The patch symbolizes the transition to clinical rotations for the last part of the 27-month program. The class will graduate in December. "We know you are going to represent The University of Toledo proudly," April Gardner, program director, told the students during the special ceremony.

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Dr. Abaza will be sharing her "Legacy Lecture." This lecture series is inspired by the book The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch. The lecture series is named in honor of Amie Litzinger, UTOCOM Class 2013, who was integral in its formation.

Sibs Saturday to commence Feb. 17

By Ashley Diel

Whether you are a freshman or senior, give your family a fun-filled tour of campus at this year's annual Sibs Saturday, "Rocket Families Unite."

The event will take place Saturday, Feb. 17, and run from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"Sibs Saturday is a University tradition where students can bring their families and siblings to campus for a day of fun," said Adam Bohland, assistant director for residential marketing and housing. "It's a time both on-campus and commuter students can show off our beautiful campus and what it means to be a Rocket."

Participants will receive a complimentary brunch at check-in, and 300 free basketball tickets will be provided for family members to see the UT women's basketball team take on Western Michigan at 2 p.m. in Savage Arena. Students and their siblings also will get to take over the

Student Recreation Center for Late Night at the Rec.

In the past, about 200 siblings have taken part in the event, but this year the event has been tailored to include family members as well.

"Many siblings look to our students for guidance and mentorship," Bohland said. "They can see their brother, sister or family member and say, 'I can be a Rocket, too, some day!'"

The event is sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs, Resident Student

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UT Arts Symposium to explore multisensory literacy, learning

By Angela Riddel

The University of Toledo School of Visual and Performing Arts will present a dialogue focused on multisensory literacy and learning in its 2018 Arts Symposium Monday, Feb. 19, in the Thompson Student Union.

People are bombarded daily by a cacophony of stimuli signaling each of their senses. Most often, they involuntarily react to their senses without fully engaging the experience.

The symposium topic discussions will explore how to develop a fuller understanding of human sensory messaging systems, using them to enhance our human experience, as well as strategies and educational approaches that can be utilized to heighten sensory awareness, improve sensory literacy, and enhance learning.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Sara Diamond, president of OCAD University, formerly known as the Ontario College of Art and Design. Located in Toronto, the institution bills itself as Canada's "university of the imagination."

She recently was honored as one of Canada's 150 leading women. Since her appointment in 2005, she has led OCAD University's evolution to a full university, helping to build its transdisciplinary and research-creation research capacity and



Diamond

infrastructure; integrating STEM subjects; creating its Digital Futures Initiative; launching the Indigenous Visual Culture Program; strengthening its approach to inclusion; and growing its undergraduate and graduate programs in studio art and design.

Diamond is a researcher in media arts history and policy, as well as visual analytics. She has created wearable technologies, mobile experiences and media

art. She is an appointee of the Order of Ontario and the Royal Canadian Academy of Artists.

Her talk, "Steam+D — 21st-Century Knowledge," will take place at 4:15 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium.

Titles of other sessions include "Shared Fantasies: Becoming Political, Becoming Pedagogical," "Studio Matrix System: Identifying Motivation and Setting a Course for Creative Artists With Disabilities," "Multisensory/Multimodal Learning in Community Programs," and "A Picture's Worth 500 Typed, Double-Spaced Pages: The Use of Infographics for Improving Student Writing."

Lance Gharavi, associate professor and artistic director of theatre at Arizona State University, will discuss "Truth, or Something Like It: Science, Art and Narrative" at 10:30 a.m. in Thompson Student Union Room 2592.

An experimental artist, scholar and early pioneer in digital performance, Gharavi specializes in collaborating with transdisciplinary teams of artists, scientists, designers and engineers to create original and innovative works of media-rich, live performance.

He collaborated with EarthScope — the largest solid Earth science project funded



Gharavi

by the National Science Foundation — to write a children's book about earthquakes. Other projects include an ongoing initiative in robotics and performance, a production about the physics of the Earth's deep interior, and a game-based investigation into the sociology of human space exploration.

Read more about the 2018 Arts Symposium and register for the free event at utoledo.edu/al/svpa/symposium.



Let it snow

UT student Dennis Short walked through the snow Friday on Main Campus.

Photo by Daniel Miller

‘Renaissance Art as Medicine’ topic of lecture at exhibit opening Feb. 16

The 13th Annual Health Science Campus Artist Showcase will take place from Monday, Feb. 12, through Monday, April 2, on the fourth floor of Mulford Library.

This year’s exhibit features works by 30 artists — students, faculty and staff in the health sciences from both Health Science and Main campuses, as well as The University of Toledo Medical Center.

On display will be a variety of 2-D and 3-D artwork, including paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture and mixed media.

An opening reception will be held Friday, Feb. 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. on the fourth floor of Mulford Library. Dr. Allie Terry-Fritsch, associate professor of Italian Renaissance art history at Bowling Green State University, will give a lecture titled “Renaissance Art as Medicine” at 4:30 p.m.

Terry-Fritsch’s research, which has been published widely in journals and books, focuses on the experiences of viewing art and architecture during the early modern period with an emphasis on 15th-century Florence.

Light refreshments from Caffèini’s will be served during the free, public reception and lecture.

For details, visit <http://libguides.utoledo.edu/hscart> or contact Jodi Jameson, assistant professor and nursing librarian at Mulford Library, who is a member of the artist showcase committee, at 419.383.5152 or jodi.jameson@utoledo.edu.



“Eastern Michigan University, Livonia,” photography, by Dr. Andrew Beavis, professor of physiology and pharmacology



“Allée du Chien, Castlefranc, France,” charcoal drawing, by Dr. Paul Brand, associate professor emeritus of physiology and pharmacology



“Mother and Goslings,” photography, Zeinab Zorkot, second-year resident in pediatrics

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'Badass' reading

Sherry Stanfa-Stanley read from her book, "Finding My Badass Self: A Year of Truths and Dares," at the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women's Lunch With a Purpose last month. The author shared a couple humorous excerpts from the misadventures in her book and answered questions. The director of foundation and development communications at the UT Foundation told the audience taking risks proved self-empowering — and a lot of fun. Stanfa-Stanley, a 1983 UT alumna, also signed copies of her book, which is available at most local bookstores, online book retailers, and at sherrystanfa-stanley.com.

Photo by Daniel Miller



Shadow play

James A. Molnar, web and digital media specialist in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, took this shot last week on Health Science Campus.

Photo by James A. Molnar

'Running Home'

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Zanoguera's mother was a Sahrawi, a people who lived in the western Sahara Desert in northern Africa. In 1975-76, during the Western Sahara War, Sahrawis fled invading Moroccan soldiers.

Zanoguera's mother was lucky enough to find safe haven in Spain. Most Sahrawi ended up in refugee camps in Algeria.

Forty years later, they're still there, relying on international aid to live. The Western Sahara today is listed by the United Nations as a non-self-governing territory. It's claimed by both Morocco and the Polisario Front, a Sahrawi group fighting for independence.

Last year, Zanoguera returned to Toledo to pursue a master's degree in English as a second language. She started running to keep in shape and after finishing a half marathon, she knew she was ready for more. That's when inspiration struck.

In her hours spent Googling her mother's homeland, she had read about the Sahara Marathon. Participants run a route connecting three refugee camps in Algeria that are home to more than 100,000 Sahrawi refugees. They stay with refugee families.

It all came together in her mind, Zanoguera said.

"All these coincidences seemed to be leading to that one goal," she said. "I just knew that I had to go."

Zanoguera wanted to meet the refugees. But for a stroke of luck, her mother could have been one of them. She wanted to see what their life is like, to help them if she could. Even more, she wanted to bring light to the injustices they've suffered.

It's a story most Americans know nothing about. Zanoguera hoped to change that.

A chance meeting with Canadian filmmaker Michelle-Andrea Girouard — yet another coincidence — led to the pair's collaboration on a documentary about Zanoguera's journey. They started a crowdfunding effort to raise money for the film, which they call "Running Home."



under the unforgiving sun of the Sahara desert, i have set out to run the 26.2 miles that connect the refugee camps of Laayoune, Auserd, and Smara.

this challenge moves beyond the physical for me: running this marathon is a spiritual journey back to the origins of who i am, who my mother and my ancestors were, and above all, a journey back home.

Twenty percent of donations will go directly to refugees in the camps.

Zanoguera said the UT community has been "overwhelmingly supportive," contributing financially to the project.

She credits her UT basketball career with helping her grow into the kind of person that doesn't see limitations. All the lessons that a student-athlete learns — going to practice when you don't feel like it, coming back from a 20-point deficit — helped shape her.

She recalled conversations about life, not basketball, with her mentor and coach, Tricia Cullop.

"[Coach Cullop] has this open side of her that dreams really big," Zanoguera said. "Life is short, and if there's something that matters to you, there's nothing that's more important. I grew into somebody that sees something and believes she can do it."

While she's excited about her upcoming trip, Zanoguera said she's scared, too. She's never been to Africa or run a marathon, let alone in a desert.

"It's difficult and unknown," she said. "But at the same time, I'm not scared because I trust that this is the right path right now."

If you'd like to see a video about Zanoguera's journey or donate, visit <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/running-home-sports#/>.



COURTING SUCCESS: Inma Zanoguera was a three-time all-Mid-American Conference selection who helped Toledo win 88 games in four seasons from 2011 to 2015.

Photo by Daniel Miller

Toledo to hold 'Rockets for the Cure' Feb. 17

By Brian DeBenedictis

The Toledo women's basketball team will hold its 12th annual "Rockets for the Cure" Saturday, Feb. 17, as the Midnight Blue and Gold play Western Michigan at 2 p.m. in Savage Arena.

The Mid-American Conference West Division showdown will help benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Northwest Ohio, The University of Toledo Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center, and the UT Center for Health and Successful Living.

Fans are encouraged to wear pink in support of cancer research.

The goal of "Rockets for the Cure" is to provide cancer education to the community, give encouragement to the survivors fighting now and their families, celebrate the survivors who have won the fight, remember the ones who were less fortunate, and pack Savage Arena with 5,000 or more Rocket fans in pink.

Tickets — \$14 for adults and \$7 for youth — are on sale and can be purchased online at utrockets.com, by calling 419.530.GOLD (4653), or at the UT Ticket Office.

Fans can receive a discount and designate their support with promo codes:

- **SGK:** General admission tickets may be purchased for \$10 with a portion of every ticket sale donated to the Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio.
- **DANA:** General admission tickets may be purchased for \$10 with a portion of every ticket sale donated to The University of Toledo Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center.
- **CHSL:** General admission tickets may be purchased at \$10 with a portion of every ticket sale donated

to The University of Toledo Center for Health and Successful Living.

In addition, groups of 15 or more may purchase tickets at the group rate of \$8 per ticket prior to game day. The ticket office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

From when the doors open at 12:30 p.m. until the end of halftime, fans can take part in a silent auction on the West Concourse. All proceeds from the silent auction will benefit Susan G. Komen

Northwest Ohio, the UT Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center, and the UT Center for Health and Successful Living.

The 2017 MAC Champions will again wear pink uniforms for the game. Guest emcee Chrys Peterson and the Rockets will hold a live jersey auction immediately following the contest. All proceeds from the live auction will benefit Susan G. Komen

Northwest Ohio and the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center.

Last season, the Rockets raised \$10,488 for cancer research, marking the eighth straight season they collected at least \$10,000. In addition, nine of UT's uniforms auctioned after the game went for more than \$500, including a high of \$700 for junior Kaayla McIntyre and sophomore Mariella Santucci.

Funds raised from "Rockets for the Cure" Under Head Coach Tricia Cullop

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2016 — \$11,393	2012 — \$18,010
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HOW

Take a shuttle from UT’s Main Campus to the Lake Erie Center.

The shuttle will depart at 6:15 p.m. from the south side of the University’s Bowman-Oddy Laboratories on Towerview Boulevard. Passengers will be returned to Main Campus following the lecture. Passengers must reserve their spots by Tuesday, Feb. 13, by emailing lakeeriecenter@utoledo.edu or calling 419.530.8360.

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**Reception for
foreign language
study Feb. 14**

By Ashley Diel

The Department of World Languages and Cultures will hold its annual reception for students interested in foreign languages study Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2420.

The event is meant to inform students about career opportunities, internships, scholarships, department programs, and study abroad programs.

There will be presentations by faculty members from each language taught at UT and by a representative from the Center for International Studies and Programs.

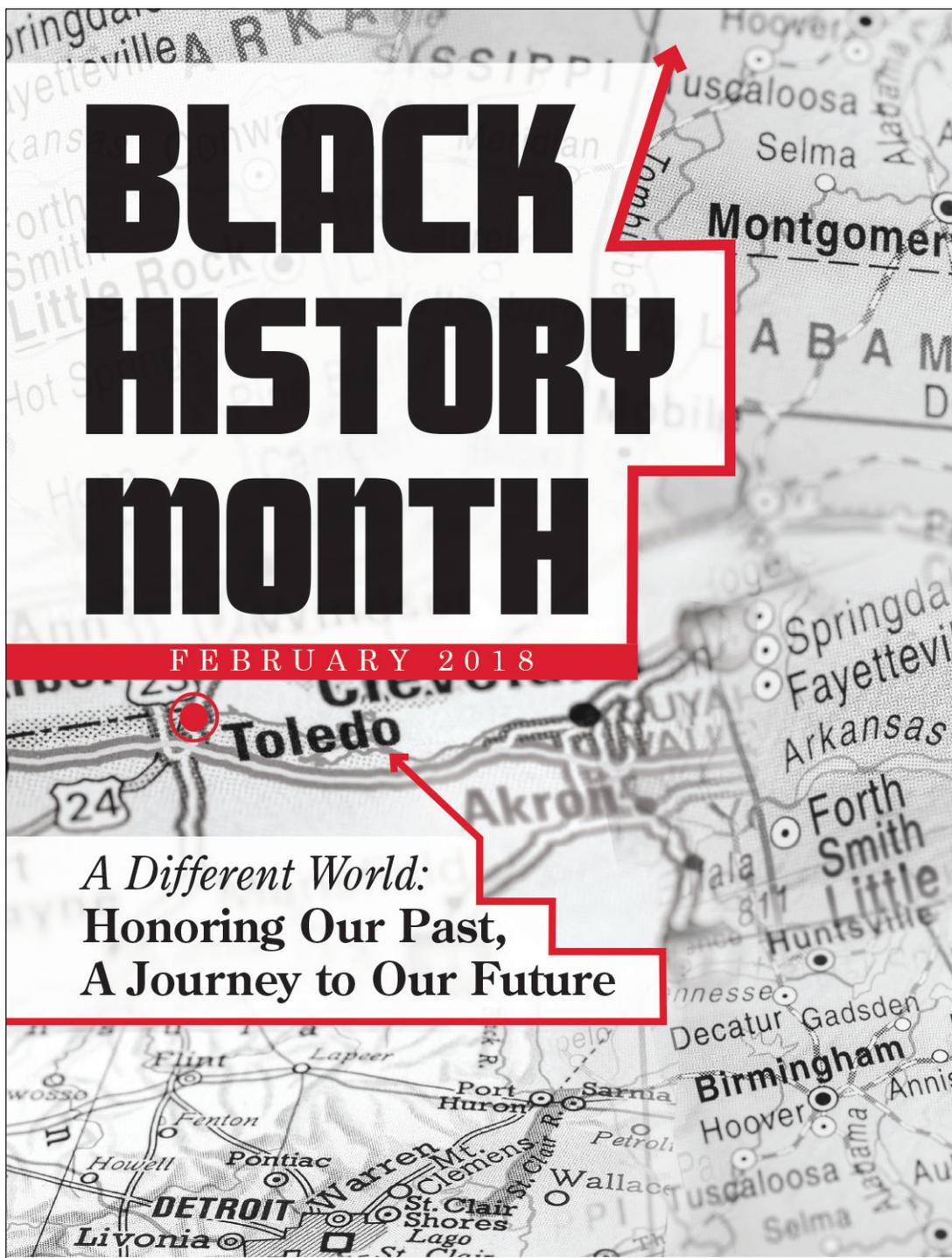
Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and meet informally with advisers and instructors.

“The importance of studying other languages is ever more present in a world that is becoming increasingly global,” said Dr. Juan Martin, associate professor of Spanish in the Department of World Languages and Cultures. “To know other languages has many professional advantages, since candidates with languages are better positioned to obtain better jobs in the market, as well as promotions and better salaries.”

Research has shown that studying a foreign language has helped enhance cognitive skills such as memory, listening and analytical skills.

“At the end, we have to think that language is something that we use every day and it is the most distinctive feature that we have as humans, present in almost all our endeavors and very closely interwoven in the human soul,” Martin said.

Pizza and refreshments will be served.



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In memoriam

William E. Fisher, Waterville, an instructor who taught chemistry at the University, died Feb. 2 at age 85. He received a master's degree in chemistry from UT in 1957.

John C. Schaffer, Toledo, died Feb. 2 at age 84. He joined the UT faculty as an assistant professor of social work in 1974 and was granted tenure in 1980. Schaffer served as chair of social work and oversaw the first accreditation of the Social Work Program. He retired in 1995 and was named professor emeritus; he continued to teach through 2003.

Dave Woolford, Fort Myers, Fla., who was an instructor in the Communication Department, died Feb. 2 at age 78. The UT alumnus received a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1964 and as a student was a sports writer and sports editor for *The Collegian*. Woolford was a sports reporter for *The Blade*; for a time during his career, he covered the Mid-American Conference, including writing about UT football and basketball.

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