

## UT's first Day of Giving



Photo by Daniel Miller

President Sharon L. Gaber cut the cake to celebrate Founder's Day, marking the 145th anniversary of when UT was established with Jesup W. Scott's donation of 160 acres of land to found what was then the Toledo University of Arts and Trades. The University held its first Day of Giving, Rocket Forward: You Launch Lives, on Oct. 12 to carry on Scott's legacy by investing in UT's future. As of noon Friday, nearly 1,600 people contributed more than \$425,000 to the University.



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

Olivia Olson, a third-year student majoring in biochemistry with a minor in art, held Cooper at the dog-petting station on Centennial Mall Thursday. She and many others donated a dollar for UT's first Day of Giving to visit a half dozen dogs as part of on-campus celebrations, which also included a photo booth, food trucks and raffles for prizes.

## Swine time



Caitlin Bibler brought her 10-week mini-pig, Porkchop, to campus last week. Many were stopping to meet and visit Porkchop on the west side of Centennial Mall. "He loves all the attention he receives," Bibler, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, said. "He is a hit on campus."

Photo by Kelsi Rooks

## UT to host updated Safe Place training for LGBTQ

By Ashley Diel

To make the campus climate more inclusive for LGBTQ faculty, staff and students, the Office of Multicultural Student Success will hold several Safe Place trainings.

At the newly redeveloped session, attendees will be introduced to LGBTQ-related terminology, learn about common issues and challenges faced by LGBTQ individuals, what it means to be an ally, and what resources are available.

"A Safe Place is a confidential place free from homophobia, transphobia, biphobia and heterosexism where people who identify in the LGBTQ community can feel welcome, safe and included," said Danielle Stamper, interim program coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Student Success.

Safe Places on campus can be identified by the Safe Place sticker for faculty and staff and buttons for students. These markers indicate that the individual or office has signed the Safe Place pledge and are an ally to the LGBTQ community.

"Safe Places are important because they allow LGBTQ individuals to be their complete self without the fear of being discriminated against because of their sexual orientation,

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## Cut that ribbon



Photo by Daniel Miller

A ceremony was held Thursday to celebrate the \$6 million renovation to Carlson Library. Cutting the ribbon were, from left, Student Government President Jimmy Russell; President Sharon L. Gaber; Beau Case, dean of University Libraries; and Jason Toth, associate vice president for facilities and construction. In addition to the new glass wall spanning the entire height of the building, the renovations include an expanded and landscaped concourse that greets guests when they enter the library, an added mezzanine area on the second floor; and the LTC Thomas J. Orlowski '65 Veterans Lounge. The multiyear renovation project was funded by state capital dollars. Ground was broken for the library in 1970, and it opened to students April 3, 1973.

## National spotlight



Photo by Daniel Miller

Neal Katyal, former acting U.S. solicitor general and the lead attorney representing Hawaii in *State of Hawaii, et al v. Trump*, the travel ban case before the U.S. Supreme Court, was on campus last week to deliver the 17th Annual Maryse and Ramzy Mikhail Memorial Lecture. The title of his talk was "The President and the Courts in National Security Cases." Katyal, who has argued 34 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, with 32 of them coming in the last eight years, said the threats and criticism he received when he took the travel ban case spurred him on. He is the Paul and Patricia Saunders Professor of National Security Law and director of the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection at Georgetown University Law Center. Katyal is also a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Hogan Lovells. His talk in the Law Center was presented by the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Law, and the Law and Social Thought Program, with WGTE as a media sponsor.

## College of Business and Innovation to recognize couple Oct. 20

By Bob Mackowiak

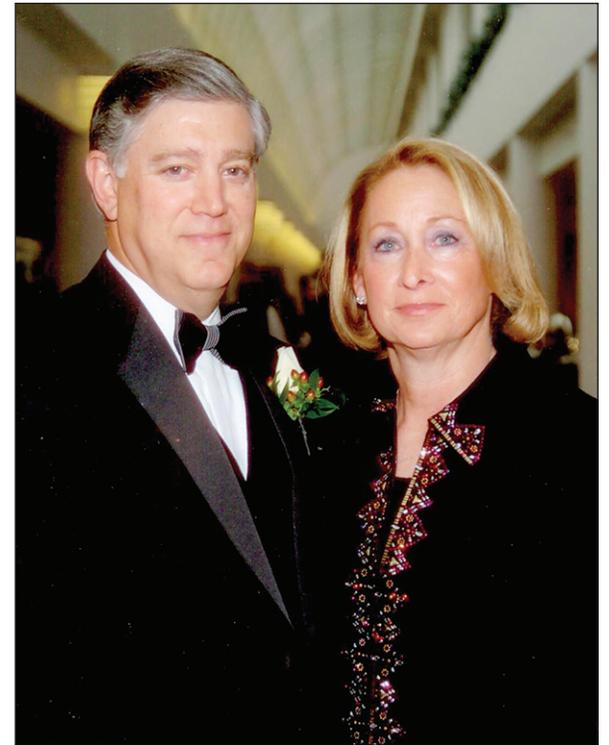
The UT College of Business and Innovation will celebrate the gift of Alan H. and Karen A. Barry as they become Million Dollar Partners for their \$1 million gift establishing an endowed professorship in accounting.

The celebration, which will include the unveiling of a plaque, will take place Friday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m. in the Stranahan Hall lobby.

Mr. Barry, a 1966 graduate of the UT College of Business, is a certified public accountant, the retired president and chief operating officer of the Fortune 200 company Masco Corp., and currently serves on the UT Foundation Board of Trustees.

"The accounting background I got at the University was beneficial to me throughout my career," he said when their gift was announced in April. "I've always been a supporter of the University, and once I was in a position to do so financially, I felt pretty good about giving back to the University that gave me the opportunity to succeed."

The Alan H. and Karen A. Barry Endowed Professorship in Accounting will be used to recruit or retain a professor in



Alan H. and Karen A. Barry

the Department of Accounting; any costs related to the recruitment of a faculty member; bridge or pilot research projects; faculty and staff development costs; curriculum development; the development of a fellowship program; and specialized equipment needed for teaching.

## Main north entrance to University Hall slated to be closed most of month

Due to ongoing restoration work on the bell tower, the main doors to the third floor of University Hall facing Bancroft Street will be closed starting Monday, Oct. 16.

"We are taking advantage of the fall break on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 16 and 17, to minimize the impact to students, faculty, staff and visitors," Jason Toth,

associate vice president for facilities and construction, said.

The east and west entries facing Bancroft, as well as all other doors, will remain open.

"We expect the doors to be reopened by Monday, Oct. 30," Toth said.

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## Women to ‘Step Up to Step Out’ at annual leadership conference

By Meghan Cunningham

**M**ore than 600 women will participate in the 2017 Women in Leadership conference co-sponsored by The University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University to learn strategies for professional advancement.

The sold-out conference titled “Step Up to Step Out: Strategies for Distinguishing Yourself to Advancement” will take place Friday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons in Perrysburg.

UT President Sharon L. Gaber and BGSU President Mary Ellen Mazey will participate in the conference that will feature talks from several business leaders, including:

- Abha Bhandair, director of equity administration and benefits accounting for Brown & Brown Insurance;
- Kelly Hyne, senior vice president of strategic partnerships for the Ladies Professional Golf Association;

- Whitney Johnson, author of “Disrupt Yourself: Putting the Power of Disruptive Innovation to Work”;
- Debby Peters, founder and instructor for Connex Nation, a word-of-mouth marketing training program;
- Aly Sterling, founder and president of Aly Sterling Philanthropy, a

national consulting firm based in the Midwest; and

- Maryrose T. Sylvester, president and CEO of Current, powered by GE, which blends advanced energy technologies such as LED and solar with networked sensors and software.

The annual conference is organized by the BGSU College of Business and the UT College of Business and Innovation.

For more information, visit [bgsu.edu/business/women-in-leadership](http://bgsu.edu/business/women-in-leadership).



## UT scientist to discuss importance of rivers for Lake Erie fish Oct. 19

By Christine Billau

**A**s concerns about algal blooms, fish deaths and invasive Asian carp spawning are under the microscope in Lake Erie tributaries, an aquatic ecologist at The University of Toledo is highlighting the value of healthy rivers for fish in the Great Lakes.

Dr. Christine Mayer, professor in the UT Department of Environmental Sciences, is specifically targeting the Maumee, Sandusky and Detroit rivers in her lecture titled “Swimming Upstream: The Importance of Western Lake Erie’s Rivers to Fish Populations.”

The free, public event will take place Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. at the UT Lake Erie Center, 6200 Bayshore Road in Oregon.

“The rivers and river mouths are a small area compared to the whole lake, but they hold some key habitats for fish, such as the type of environment required for reproduction,” Mayer said. “Some fish species, such as walleye, spawn both in the lake and in the rivers, but having river stocks helps increase the diversity of our ‘fish stock portfolio,’ just like your financial portfolio.”

While the river habitats are important to native fish, Mayer said there also is potential for newly invasive species, such as grass carp, to use rivers for spawning.

“Rivers are highly affected by human alteration of habitat and inputs from the land,” Mayer said. “It is important to try to envision what kinds of conservation or restoration are best suited for the three big rivers entering western Lake Erie to contribute the most benefit to Lake Erie fisheries. Each river has unique issues.”

Mayer’s talk is part of the UT Lake Erie Center’s Public Lecture Series.



Mayer

## Vaccinations available to prevent spread of influenza

The UT community has an opportunity to combat cold and flu season by getting an influenza vaccine this fall.

The 2017-18 quadrivalent vaccine contains weakened influenza virus from four strains: A/Michigan, A/Hong Kong (H3N2), B/Brisbane (Victoria lineage) and B/Phuket (B/Yamagata lineage). Flublok trivalent vaccine for those with egg allergy does not include the B/Phuket strain, according to Dr. Susan Batten, UT associate professor of nursing.

“The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that everyone older than 6 months of age be vaccinated

this year,” Batten said. “The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is urging all health-care providers to obtain vaccine in order to reduce influenza-related illness and absenteeism, as well as to reduce risk for high-risk patients who trust us for their care.”

Walk-in clinics will be held on Health Science and Main campuses in October and November. Students in the Master of Science in Clinical Nursing Leader Program and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program will administer the vaccines.

The influenza vaccine is free and available to all UT employees and students with valid IDs.

UTMC faculty, staff, students and volunteers are required to receive the influenza vaccination. Employees have three options for fulfilling this requirement:

- Complete the online consent form and receive the vaccination on campus by Friday, Dec. 1.
- Upload documentation to prove the vaccination was received at their doctor’s office or other clinic.
- Request and receive approval for an exemption. Exemption requests

are available online and must be submitted for review no later than Wednesday, Nov. 15. Individuals who are not approved for an exemption or those who do not meet the deadline will be required to receive the vaccination.

To upload documentation or access the consent form or exemption request, visit [influenza.utoledo.edu](http://influenza.utoledo.edu). A link to this site also is available under the UT Community tab on the myUT portal. Additional questions related to the influenza vaccination requirement should be addressed to the appropriate UTMC department supervisor.



### FLU VACCINATION SCHEDULE



#### Clinics will take place:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 18** — UT Medical Center gift shop area from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 19** — UTMC gift shop area from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 24** — Health Education Building Lobby from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 25** — Collier Building Lobby from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 26** — Stranahan Hall Lobby from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 31** — Savage Arena Sullivan Athletic Complex Lobby from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 1** — Health and Human Services Building Lobby from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Thursday, Nov. 2** — Thompson Student Union Lobby from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Monday, Nov. 6** — Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 8** — Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Friday, Nov. 10** — Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 21** — Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Thursday, Nov. 23** — Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Monday, Nov. 27** — Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 29** — Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Thursday, Nov. 30** — Pinnacle Lounge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Our house



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

UT student Dhavalkumar Bhakta posed for a photo with Rocky at the Career Tailgate Fair Thursday. Bhakta learned all about Habitat for Humanity, which was one of more than 60 organizations at the event sponsored by the Center for Experiential Learning and Career Services. Representatives from for-profit, government and nonprofit organizations met with students regarding full-time and part-time employment, along with internship opportunities.

## Wood work



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

Maureen Cook, an independent contractor, applied stain to a bench near Carlson Library earlier this semester.

## Safe Place training

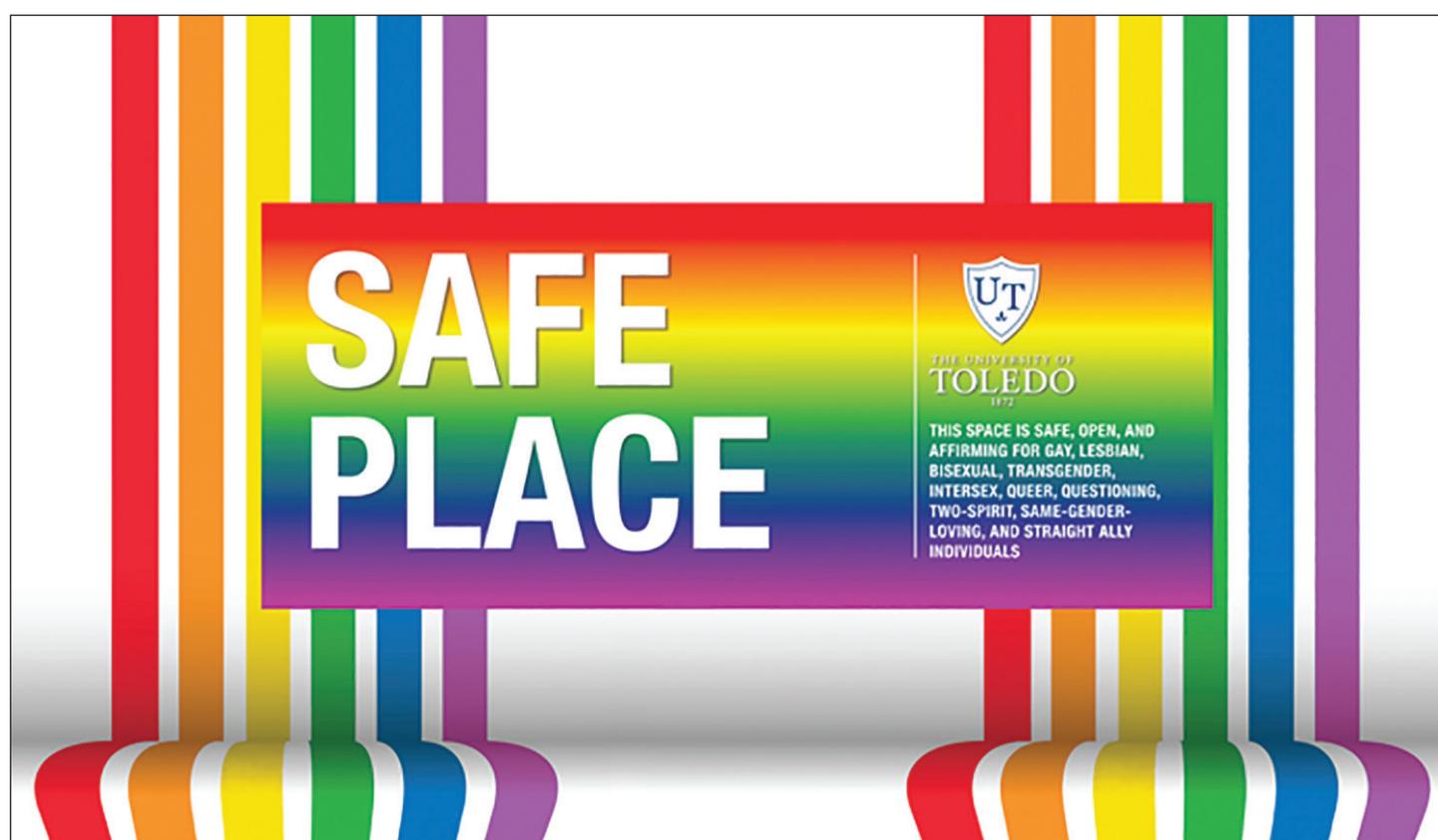
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gender identity or gender expression,” Stamper said.

Faculty and staff who go through the updated Safe Place training curriculum also will have the option to be listed as a Safe Place on the Office of Multicultural Student Success website.

For a list of current Safe Places on campus, visit [utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss](http://utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss).

To register for one of the Safe Place trainings, visit [utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss/omss-2017/training\\_2017/training.html](http://utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss/omss-2017/training_2017/training.html).



## International scholar to discuss humanities, new book

Dr. Michael Bérubé, the Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Literature at Pennsylvania State University, will visit The University of Toledo this week for two events and to work with students.



Bérubé

On Thursday, Oct. 19, he will give a lecture titled “The Humanities and the Advancement of Knowledge” at 5:30 p.m. in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.

Bérubé argues there is no widely accepted public rationale for new research in the humanities. He challenges the notion that this kind of research is finding a secure institutional home in North American academe, despite his own lifelong commitment to the defense of the humanities and the university institutions making such work possible — like the book, “The Humanities, Higher Education and Academic Freedom: Three Necessary Arguments,” co-written with Janet Ruth (2015). He discusses the role of humanities centers and institutes in fostering interdisciplinary humanities research.

His free, public talk will be followed by a reception in the Law Center Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick Lounge.

On Friday, Oct. 20, Bérubé will lead a free, public brown-bag conversation about his book, “The Secret Life of Stories: From Don Quixote to Harry Potter, How Understanding Intellectual Disability Transforms the Way We Read” (2016). The event will start at noon in Carlson Library Room 1005.

Scholars are calling the book a radical and critical contribution to American studies, literary studies and disability studies.

Twenty-five copies of the book will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, thanks to the Disability Studies Program; the Department of English Language and Literature; the Department of Art; the School of Interdisciplinary Studies; and the Roger Ray Institute for the Humanities in the College of Arts and Letters.

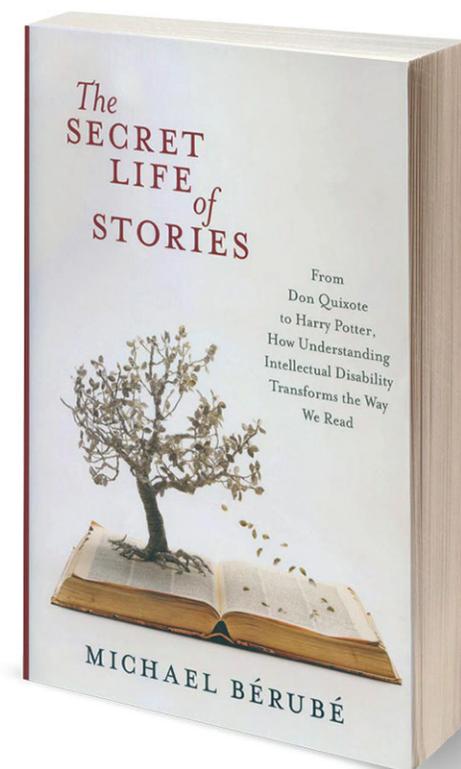
Since 2001, Bérubé has taught at Penn State, where he served as director of the Institute for the Arts and Humanities from 2010 to 2017 and was president of the Modern Language Association from 2012 to 2013. Prior to that, he taught 12 years at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

He is the author of more than a dozen books, including the award-winning

biography, memoir and philosophical inquiry into disability issues, “Life as We Know It: A Father, A Family and an Exceptional Child” (1998), which he followed up with “Life as Jamie Knows It: An Exceptional Child Grows Up” (2016), which are about his son who has Down syndrome. Other titles include “Rhetorical Occasions: Essays on Humans and the Humanities” (2006) and “What’s Liberal About the Liberal Arts? Classroom Politics and ‘Bias’ in Higher Education” (2006). He also has a blog at michaelberube.com.

During his two-day visit, Bérubé will tour UT’s Toledo Museum of Art Campus and view an exhibition titled “One Way or Another,” which features works by adults with special needs. He also will be a guest instructor for two classes, one for the Political Science and Public Administration Department, and one for the English Language and Literature Department. In addition, he will give an interview to writers for The Mill, a literary magazine edited by UT graduate students in English.

Bérubé was on campus in 2009 and delivered the Richard M. Summers Memorial Lecture.



Sponsors of Bérubé’s visit are the Roger Ray Institute for the Humanities; the College of Arts and Letters; the School of Interdisciplinary Studies; the School of Visual and Performing Arts; the Department of English Language and Literature; the Disability Studies Program; and the Department of Art.

## Stepping up to fight suicide



The UT Psychology Department and the UT chapter of Psi Chi participated in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s Out of the Darkness Walk Oct. 7, and a few members and friends posed for a photo before the event. While raising awareness, the University team also raised \$2,135, the second highest total in the country, that will go to the foundation’s research. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is the leading national not-for-profit organization dedicated to understanding and preventing suicide through research, education and advocacy, and to reaching out to people with mental disorders and those impacted by suicide.

Time of the season



Photos by Daniel Miller

Amy Min Chen performed a traditional Chinese fan dance during the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. The event was held Tuesday in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium and was sponsored by the UT Confucius Institute.



Jill Gilsdorf, left, and Kathy Ball painted Chinese opera masks at the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival.



Donning traditional Chinese attire and taking a selfie at the festival were, from left, Karina Bozanich, Loa Cho, Giovanna Jaidev and Norah Li.

Illuminating shot



Ciara Metzoiian, a student in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, won the "China in My Eyes" photo contest with this shot. "The two lanterns in this photo depict a dragon and phoenix. Both are legendary animals found in Chinese folklore and mythology," Metzoiian, who won a \$25 gift card and a mini-panda, wrote about the picture. All photos submitted for the contest were on display during the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival, where attendees voted on their favorites. The contest was sponsored by the UT Confucius Institute.

# UT to induct 2017 class for Varsity 'T' Hall of Fame

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo Varsity 'T' Hall of Fame will induct six former student-athletes and one coach at a banquet Friday, Oct. 20, at the Pinnacle, 1772 Indian Wood Circle in Maumee.

Social hour for the event will begin at 6 p.m., and dinner will follow at 7 p.m. The class also will be introduced at halftime of the UT football game vs. Akron Saturday, Oct. 21.

Also at the banquet, the Varsity 'T' Hall of Fame will present the Distinguished Service Award to Joe Fink and Mike Renard. Fink is a longtime supporter of UT who has been an active member of the Downtown Coaches Association. Renard retired as UT's equipment manager earlier this year after serving in the position for 34 years.

Tickets for the Varsity 'T' Hall of Fame induction dinner are \$45 or \$360 for a table of eight, and can be purchased by calling the Athletic Development Office at 419.530.5087.

The 2017 Varsity 'T' Hall of Fame inductees are:



Corfman

**Joe Corfman**, baseball, 2009 to 2012. A four-year letter winner, Corfman made first-team All-Mid-American Conference in 2010 and 2012, and first-team all-region in 2010. In 2010, he knocked in 61 runs, scored 69 runs, and had 20 doubles, all of which rank second on UT's all-time season list. As a senior in 2012, Corfman had 78 hits, 16 doubles and 22 stolen bases. On UT's

career list, Corfman ranks first in hits (261), first in doubles (54), second in runs (177), second in total bases (375), fifth in RBIs (134) and 10th in batting average (.329). Primarily used as a second baseman and third baseman, Corfman was a three-time Academic All-MAC selection from 2010 to 2012.

**Jacy Dyer**, women's swimming and diving, 2007 to 2011. Dyer was a four-time All-MAC swimmer and 10-time MAC Champion in her career. She also took second or third in six other events at MAC Championship Meets. She is the only UT women's swimmer ever to qualify for the NCAA Championship in three different events. At the conclusion of her career, Dyer held more than 20 UT, MAC and various pool records. A two-time team captain, Dyer was named MAC Swimmer of the Year and UT Female Athlete of the Year in 2009-10. She made an immediate impact for the Rockets as a freshman, earning second-team All-MAC honors and breaking the UT record in the 1000

freestyle. As a sophomore, Dyer earned first-team All-MAC recognition and set the MAC record in the 500 freestyle at the MAC Championship Meet, the first of her 10 career MAC golds. She also finished second in the 1650 freestyle and fifth in the 200 free. As a junior in 2010, Dyer won MAC titles in the 200 free, 500 free, 1650 free, 400 free relay and 800 free relay. She earned first-team All-MAC and MAC Swimmer of the Year honors, leading UT to its first-ever MAC Championship crown. That year she set the MAC record in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:44.23, the second-longest current league record for any event. Dyer made first-team All-MAC one last time as

a senior, taking four MAC titles in the 200 free, 500 free, 400 free relay and 800 free relay. She qualified and competed at the NCAA Championship Meet in the 200 free, 500 free and the mile. She placed 11th in the nation in the 800 free, the highest finish in UT history.



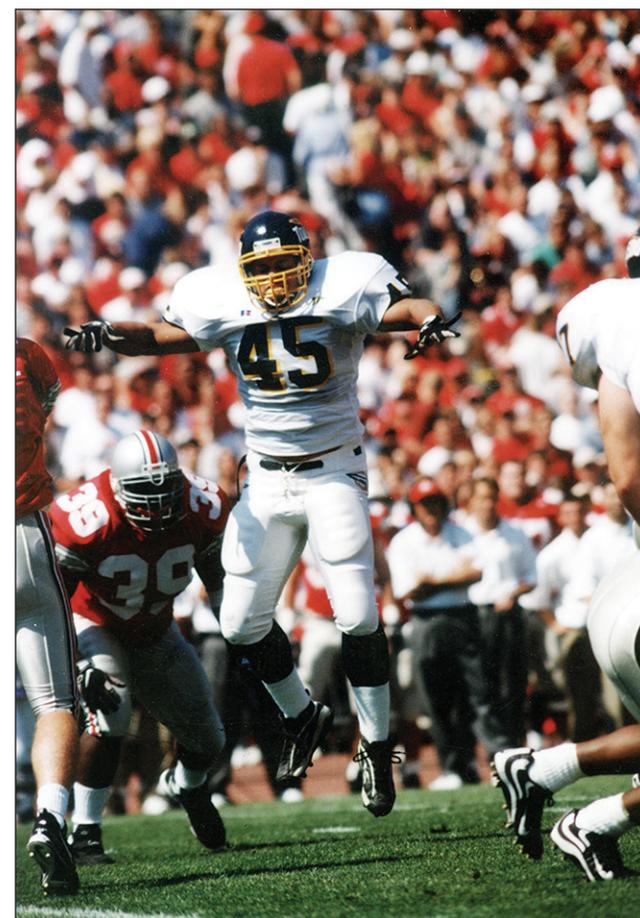
Dyer

**DeJuan Goulde**, football, 1997-2000.

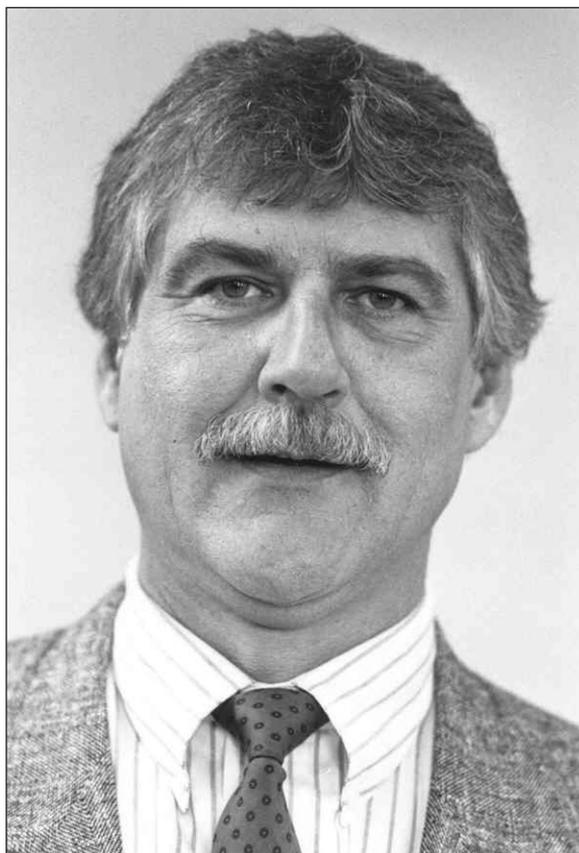
Goulde was a three-time All-MAC defensive lineman, earning first-team honors in 1999 and 2000 and second-team recognition in 1998. As a sophomore in 1998, he had six sacks and 16 tackles for loss, helping lead Toledo to a MAC West Division title. In 1999, Goulde had 84 tackles, 10 sacks and 17 tackles for loss. His 10 sacks ranked him tied for second in the MAC, while his 17 tackles for loss ranked eighth. In 2000, Goulde was a force on one of the best defenses in school history. The 10-1 Rockets allowed just 81.5 yards rushing per game that season and shut out three opponents. Goulde had 73 tackles, nine sacks and 17 tackles for loss. He was named third-team All-America by the Football News, and he was runner-up for MAC Defensive Player of the Year. Goulde ranks third all-time on UT's career list in tackles for loss (47) and tied for third in sacks (25).

**Harvey Bowles**, wrestling coach, 1975 to 1994. As wrestling coach for 21 years, Bowles led the

Rockets to a Mid-American Conference title in 1982-83. During his UT coaching career, he mentored four All-Americans: Myron Shapiro (1975), Brad Smith (1976), Chuck Biggert (1979) and John Potts (1986). Under his leadership, Toledo wrestlers won 23 individual MAC titles. Bowles wrestled at UT from 1959 to 1961 before a back



Goulde



Bowles

injury ended his career. Bowles was actively involved in the World Cup of Wrestling championships that were held in Toledo in the 1970s and 1980s.

**Amy Galvan**, softball, 1992-95. A four-year starter at first base, Galvan earned first-team All-MAC honors in 1993 and 1994, and made second-team all-league in 1995. She also made the All-Mideast Region



Galvan

Team in 1994 and 1995. She won the MAC batting crown as a sophomore in 1993 with a .418 average, the fourth highest mark in UT history. As a junior, she led the team with a .399 batting average (second in the MAC), RBIs (42, also second in the league), hits (71), doubles (13) and slugging percentage (.506). As a freshman, Galvan was a member of the squad that won the MAC Championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Galvan ranks second at UT in career batting average (.349), hits (225), RBIs (95), slugging percentage (.461) and doubles (35).

**Chuck Friedman**, men's track and field, 1961 to 1964. Chuck Friedman was the first star sprinter for the UT track teams. He won four MAC sprinting titles in his career. In 1963, he won the 220-yard dash and took third in the 100 at the MAC

Meet. He also qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 220, the first UT athlete to make it to the NCAAs. In 1974, Friedman won the 100- and 220-meter dashes, and anchored the 440-yard relay MAC title team that set the league record. He became the first UT runner to win more than one event at the MAC Championship Meet. That 440 relay team finished second

at the Central Collegiate Championships, barely losing to eventual NCAA Champ Illinois. Friedman was runner-up in the 220 to 1964 U.S. Olympian Trenton Jackson of Illinois. He also qualified for and ran in the 1964 NCAA Championships in the 100 meters and 200 meters (21.6). Friedman graduated from UT with a degree in engineering in 1964 and received his MBA from Northwestern University in 1966. He helped start the Toledo Striders Track Club. He worked at Libbey-Owens-Ford Co. in Toledo for many years before being relocated to North Carolina, where he lives today in retirement.



Friedman

**Fabiana Zilberstein Rezak**, women's tennis, 1989-93. Zilberstein Rezak competed in the No. 1 singles spot for three years for the Rockets and was a three-time All-MAC First Team selection (1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93). As a junior, the native of Buenos Aires finished fourth at the MAC Championships following a 20-10 record at the top singles position. In her final year with the Rockets, she posted a 13-6 overall record.



Zilberstein Rezak

# Academic Affiliation investment: Labs receive new equipment

By Jen Sorgenfrei

**B**ioomedical researchers at The University of Toledo are working with substantially greater support thanks to a significant investment in new laboratory equipment from ProMedica through the Academic Affiliation with the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

University and ProMedica leaders joined faculty and staff Oct. 11 for tours of renovated laboratories on Health Science Campus and to celebrate the investment. The new state-of-the-art equipment encompasses 11 instruments across three labs in the Health Education and the Block Health Sciences buildings.

“The new technologies will equip our expert researchers with the tools they need to advance knowledge and develop better therapies to treat our loved ones,” UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. “These state-of-the-art research facilities also are critical in attracting and retaining the talent needed to elevate Toledo as a leading academic medical community.”

Signed in 2015, two major goals of the Academic Affiliation are to recruit and retain top talent to the region and to grow biomedical research. The University additionally seeks to increase external research funding to support ongoing discovery. Leaders of both institutions believe that first-class research capabilities will support both goals.

“We should invest in the capabilities of the people who are here today, but also plan for the people we want to attract in the future,” Randy Oostra, president and chief executive officer of ProMedica, said. “We’re very serious about changing the trajectory

of our two organizations by working together.”

Dr. William Maltese, professor and McMaster Endowed Chair of Biochemistry and Cancer Biology, expressed appreciation on behalf of University researchers for the investment, and assured University and ProMedica leaders that the new equipment was selected after careful consideration of the resources needed to support and grow biomedical research at UT.

Many of the new instruments replace antiquated equipment with updated techniques and newer technology, and high-throughput systems improve speed and efficiency by producing results and analysis in just days for tests that previously took months. The investment additionally includes instruments new to the University, providing technology and capabilities previously unavailable in the research enterprise.

“This investment from ProMedica in our research facilities is matching words with deeds for progress in the Toledo community,” Dr. Christopher Cooper, executive vice president for clinical affairs and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, said. “It’s a tangible example of what we set out to do with the [Academic] Affiliation.”



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

**IN THE LAB:** Allen Schroering, histology lab manager in the Advanced Microscopy and Imaging Center in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, discussed lab improvements with ProMedica President and CEO Randy Oostra.

## In memoriam

**Susanne J. “Sue” Kujawa**, Temperance, Mich., a staff nurse in the Rehab Care Unit at MCO/MUO/UT from 1988 to 2007, died Oct. 2 at age 77. The UT alumna received an associate degree in applied nursing in 1988.

**Meta M. Wisinger**, Toledo, a former instructor of nursing, died Sept. 24 at age 85.

**Nelson E. “Gus” Yeager**, Toledo, a volunteer chaplain for the UT football team, died Oct. 6 at age 79. He received a bachelor’s degree in industrial management from the UT College of Business in 1960.

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## UT honors three for contributions to emergency medicine

By Sarah A. Velliquette

The University of Toledo recently recognized three local individuals for their work and dedication to the field of emergency medicine at the seventh annual Emergency Medicine Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony.

A reception was held Oct. 3 in the Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center on Health Science Campus. UT President Sharon L. Gaber, Dr. Christopher Cooper, executive vice president for clinical affairs and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, and Dr. Kristopher Brickman, professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine, spoke at the event.



Brookens



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“This ceremony celebrates individuals who have demonstrated a passion for the field and epitomize what emergency medicine is all about,” Brickman said. “Through their leadership and commitment, each has helped advance the field to the next level.”

The Emergency Medicine Wall of Honor, made possible through funding from IPI Insta-Plak Inc. and The Blade, was established in 2011 to celebrate the achievements of those who committed to

service within the emergency medicine community.

Each year, nominations are submitted by a committee of community stakeholders and reviewed by a multidisciplinary selection committee.

This year’s honorees were:

- **Dr. Todd Brookens**, emergency medicine physician. Considered a favorite among hospital staff at ProMedica Toledo Hospital for his approachability, enthusiasm to teach and outgoing nature, Brookens earned his doctorate of medicine at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences and completed his internship and residency in emergency medicine at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo. The Emergency Department physician also is the associate medical director of the ProMedica Transportation Network and medical director for many EMS agencies in the northwest Ohio region.

- **Marja Soikkeli-Dooner**, registered nurse. Soikkeli-Dooner developed extensive experience in nursing and administration throughout her career at Mercy St. Vincent and ProMedica Toledo hospitals, where she was director of emergency services. Prior to her retirement, Soikkeli-Dooner served as the vice president and chief nursing officer at ProMedica Wildwood Orthopaedic and Spine Hospital. She earned her associate’s degree in nursing from Pen Valley Community College in Kansas City, Mo., followed by a bachelor’s degree in nursing

and a master’s in liberal studies at UT. She is regarded as an exceptional mentor who has helped mold many of the great leaders in emergency medicine.



Hess

- **Heidi Hess**, emergency medical technician. Hess served 22 years in the Springfield Township Fire Department, before retiring as captain of the EMS Department in 2014. She began her career in 1978 as an EMT-basic, and by 1981 had earned her paramedic certificate licensure. Hess played an integral role in EMS education by providing training to thousands of firefighters, EMTs, nurses and physicians throughout her career.



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## Toledo-Akron game Oct. 21 to kick off at noon

By Paul Helgren

**K**ickoff for Toledo's home football game against Akron Saturday, Oct. 21, has been set for noon.

The Mid-American Conference matchup will be televised on the Raycom Sports Network.

Tickets are available at the UT Ticket Office, by calling 419.530.GOLD, or online at utrocketsix.com. Tickets are half off for UT employees and retirees, and free for UT students with IDs.



## Enter Rocket fan Jeep giveaway contest

By Nathan Palcowski

**R**ocket fans will have the opportunity to win a brand new vehicle as The University of Toledo has teamed up with Yark Automotive Group, Bud Light and iHeart Media for the Toledo Rocket Fan Jeep Giveaway Contest.

The contest will run through Friday, Oct. 27. Contest participants must be 21 years of age or older to enter.

There are three ways to enter:

- Text JEEP to 81530 for a chance to qualify (standard message and data rates apply);
- Go online at WIOT.com or RocketFanYarkJeep.com; or
- Enter at the Toledo vs. Northern Illinois football game Thursday, Nov. 2.

Entries are limited to one per person.

Two finalists will be selected via text or online entry, with the third finalist being chosen at the game.

All three finalists will receive a key, and one lucky fan will have the key to start and win a 2017 Jeep Wrangler.

For a chance to win, all entrants must be present at the game.

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