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## UT partners with Fiat Chrysler to train Toledo Assembly Complex workers for Jeep Wrangler launch

By Christine Billau

The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation has teamed up with the Fiat Chrysler Automobiles Toledo Assembly Complex to prepare more than 2,200 workers to build the next generation Jeep Wrangler, launching later this year.

During the past six weeks, employees from the Toledo North plant, where the new Wrangler will be built, have been participating in a comprehensive training and launch readiness program known as the "Toledo Way." The weeklong program included three eight-hour days of hands-on technical training on UT's Scott Park Campus, a day of community service, and a day devoted to learning about the Jeep brand and time behind the wheel of a Wrangler to experience its off-road capability.

"The University of Toledo is proud of this excellent partnership with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles that enhances our collective efforts to strengthen our community," UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. "Working together, two of Toledo's anchor institutions continue to contribute as major forces to the region's growth and development. People make the difference, and we are providing these hard-working men and women high-level training to succeed for their families and for our region."

The hands-on activities, developed collaboratively with UT, focused on expanding the employees' knowledge of and competence in "World-Class Manufacturing," the company's

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Photo by Daniel Miller

**TEAMWORK:** Mike Simon, right, and Cody Klosowski assembled a model of the Wrangler Jeep as Kurt Michalski and Wendy Wood watched. UT partnered with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles to train more than 2,200 Toledo Jeep employees to build the new Wrangler.

#### UTMC joins Hazelden Betty Ford Patient Care Network

By Sarah A. Velliquette

To better serve the people in the Toledo region who suffer from addiction, The University of Toledo Medical Center has joined the Hazelden Betty Ford Patient Care Network.

The Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation is the nation's leading nonprofit treatment provider and its Patient Care Network is the first of its kind in the addiction treatment industry working to address the needs of patients beginning their recovery journey.

"We saw the need and felt the obligation to join the fight against substance misuse that is so prevalent in the Toledo community, the state of Ohio and our nation," said Dan Barbee, CEO of UT Medical Center. "As a member of the Hazelden Betty Ford Patient Care Network, we will have access to resources, best practices and most-effective treatment approaches that will be invaluable additions to our current care provided in the UTMC Adult Detoxification Inpatient Unit to aid our patients as they work toward a successful, long-term recovery."

In April, UTMC opened a 10-bed inpatient, acute detox unit for adults ages 18 and older. The unit has treated about 320 patients with a nearly 94 percent program completion rate.

"The Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation's experience, knowledge and expertise uniquely position us as a 'center of excellence' to share our clinical best practices and tools with other leadingedge health-care providers through our innovative Patient Care Network," said Bob Poznanovich, executive director of business development for the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation. "We are committed to sharing our multifaceted, evidence-based approach to confronting the opioid crisis with states like Ohio, and our own system benefits mightily from collaborating with other leading-edge health-care providers like The University of Toledo Medical Center."





#### The big reveal

Alan H. and Karen A. Barry unveiled their plaque in the Stranahan Hall lobby Friday as Dr. Gary Insch, dean of the College of Business and Innovation, and UT President Sharon L. Gaber watched. The couple was recognized as Million Dollar Partners for their \$1 million gift establishing an endowed professorship in accounting. 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 a member of the UT Foundation Board of Trustees.

Photo by Daniel Miller

## Partnering to make a difference

University of Toledo President Sharon L. Gaber and Ohio University President M. Duane Nellis signed a collaboration agreement between the schools to create the Ohio Alliance for Innovation in Population Health at a ceremony Oct. 5 at the Ohio Department of Higher Education in Columbus. Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor John Carey and officials from both institutions also were in attendance. The alliance will help create community-specific ways to fix the state's health problems, such as opioid addiction, health-care access, chronic disease and infant mortality.





#### Shooing the flu

Andy Fox, nursing director, left, posed for a photo with, from left, Dr. Christopher Cooper, executive vice president for clinical affairs and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences; UT President Sharon L. Gaber; and Dan Barbee, CEO of UT Medical Center. Fox recently administered the influenza vaccine to the three University leaders. Walk-in clinics are taking place on Main and Health Science campuses; for dates and times, visit influenza.utoledo.edu.

Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

# College of Medicine to collaborate with ProMedica in new research center

By Sarah A. Velliquette

The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences is collaborating with ProMedica on its recently announced initiative to study the impact of the social determinants of health on individuals and communities.

ProMedica's national center for social determinants research will use a multidisciplinary approach to understand and propose solutions to address the conditions in which people are born, live, work and age that affect their health and well-being. Along with ProMedica physicians, faculty members and learners from the University will serve as researchers and primary investigators.

ProMedica announced the new center Oct. 17 as part of the 10-year, \$50 million Ebeid Promise initiative to strengthen neighborhoods by addressing the social determinants of health made possible with a generous gift from Russel J. Ebeid.

Dr. F. Charles Brunicardi, chair of surgery in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, will serve as a co-medical director of the Scientific Advisory Group along with Dr. Kent Bishop, president of ProMedica's Women's and Children's Service line, to advise and provide guidance for the center's research agenda.

"The College of Medicine is made up of a tremendous group of researchers, physicians and learners who can offer new insight and innovative ways to address current health issues and how they relate to the different social determinants," Brunicardi said. "This center will provide an extraordinary opportunity for the clinical and translational research done locally to have a positive impact and be adopted on a national level."

The center, which will be one of the first of its kind in the nation to be rooted in an integrated health-care delivery organization, will be uniquely positioned to tackle the complex questions and issues surrounding the effects of the social determinants of health and help prepare the next generation of health-care providers through the development of robust medical curriculum and real-life practicum.

## 'Journey Into the Mind: Science of Implicit Bias and Law' topic of Oct. 25 lectures

By Rachel Phipps

U.S. District Judge Mark W. Bennett will deliver two lectures Wednesday, Oct. 25, at noon and 6 p.m. in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.



Bennett

The free, public lectures titled "Journey Into the Mind: Science of Implicit Bias and Law" will be presented by the UT College of Law and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Bennett, a senior judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa, is a nationally recognized expert, scholar, empirical researcher and educator on implicit bias. He is a founding member of the National Implicit Bias Network and has trained more than 1,500 state and federal judges on implicit bias.

In 2009, with the assistance of nationally recognized cognitive psychologist experts, Bennett was the first judge in the nation to develop and use an implicit bias jury instruction. His groundbreaking research includes an empirical study of implicit bias in sentencing by state and federal judges, the effect of Afrocentric facial feature and skin tone bias in the criminal justice system, as well as the effect of gender implicit bias in the evaluation and award of emotional distress damages in civil cases.

The 6 p.m. lecture has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 1.0 hour of instruction. There is no cost for the Continuing Legal Education, but those wishing to receive credit should email maureen.dwyer@utoledo.edu to indicate interest.

Food and beverages will be provided.

## Attend third be-WISE-er event Oct. 25 to learn how to combat substance abuse

By Bob Mackowiak

The University of Toledo Chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi,

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oldest co-educational

professional business

Student Union Auditorium.

fraternity, is hosting its third be-WISE-

er event on substance abuse Wednesday,

Oct. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Thompson

provide information about what people can

do if they or someone they know is addicted

to harmful substances. Staff from UT Health

Science Campus will be present with some

simulators and will teach attendees how to

"We are proud to present this free

community event to continue the fight

against the crippling issue of substance

abuse," said Natalie Zerucha, organizer

of this event and a senior human resource

management and marketing major in the

the community's support of our first two

be-WISE-er events, and we are doing our

best to make our third event even better

"Alpha Kappa Psi is truly humbled by

College of Business and Innovation.

administer intranasal naloxone.

Several community organizations will



#### on substance abuse

so we can have as big an impact on the city as possible," Zerucha said. "We truly believe we can help build a better college community, as well as a better Toledo."

Be-WISE-er is open to the community, but will focus on college-age individuals who are at a particularly high-risk of becoming addicted to alcohol and other drugs. More than 600 people participated in the first two be-WISE-er events.

"Participants will also get to experience a 3D multisensory interactive presentation that will show the devastating effects of driving and drinking," Zerucha said. "The first 200 participants will get to experience the 3D part of the presentation, so come early to get your glasses."

There will be food, free T-shirts, raffle prizes and more at the free event.

For more information, go to facebook.com/bewiseer.

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manufacturing methodology that aims to eliminate waste while improving quality and safety in a systematic and organized way. The classes were tailored to meet the specific needs of workers in various departments and taught by instructors from UT and Northwest State Community College.

"This training was unprecedented in size and scope," said Chuck Padden, Toledo Assembly Complex plant manager. "It would have been impossible for us to execute this training while also preparing for an important vehicle launch without the cooperation of the UT and Northwest State Community College staff.

"They not only provided us with a location large enough to hold these classes, but enhanced our curriculum by developing unique hands-on activities that would engage our employees," Padden said. "We believe this experience has given our Toledo workforce the necessary tools to ensure a successful launch of the Wrangler."

Production, salaried and skilled trades employees cycled through the training in shifts of 180 people six days a week. The course curriculum included classes on quality, safety, problem solving and workplace organization, and the way in which parts are delivered to an operator



Photo by Daniel Mille

**LEADING THE WAY:** Dr. Anand Kunnathur, professor of information, operations and technology management and associate dean for special projects in the College of Business and Innovation, talked about UT's role in the training program for staff at the Toledo Assembly Complex.



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on the line. In one class on logistics, the Toledo employees used Legos to build a car, simulating the importance of on-time parts delivery to the line.

"The UT College of Business and Innovation is pleased and excited to deliver this important training program for more than 2,200 employees at Toledo's Jeep manufacturing facilities," said Dr. Gary Insch, dean of the UT College of Business and Innovation. "Jeep is one of America's most iconic brands, and the College of Business and Innovation, as one of Bloomberg's top 100 business schools in the nation, is proud to be their educational

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As a member of the Patient Care Network, UTMC will gain access to tools, resources and collaborative consultation for its leadership, staff, patients, families and communities. This is especially timely as the opioid crisis places added pressures on hospital systems, substance use disorder partner. We are committed to their continued success."

The Toledo Assembly Complex training sessions were led by Dr. Anand Kunnathur, professor in the Department of Information, Operations and Technology Management, and associate dean for special projects in the UT College of Business and Innovation.

This is the second time the Toledo plant has turned to UT for training support. In 2013, the plant worked with the University to prepare the workforce for the launch of the Jeep Cherokee. Since then, UT has delivered training classes directly to skilled trades on the plant floor.

treatment providers, primary acute mental health providers, and other specialty providers across the country. To learn more, visit

hazeldenbettyford.org/professionals/patientcare-network.

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## UT team receives entrepreneurial award

By Ashley Diel

A group from UT recently was awarded the Spirit of I-Corps award for exceptional overall performance in the Bay Area National Science Foundation Innovation Corps Program.

The team — made up of Dr. Kevin Czajkowski, UT professor of geography and planning; Kimberly Panozzo, UT graduate student; and businessman Navin Singhania — participated in the seven-week curriculum to promote entrepreneurship and see how their innovation can have a commercial impact.

Their research focused on agricultural drainage tiles that are used to remove excess water from fields and help make the soil more fertile. Farmers have expressed how hard it is to find old underground tiles to repair or to add on to.

The UT team, called Drain Tile Mapper, developed a technique to detect underground drainage tiles using remote sensing.

"When we started the program, we thought that there may be interest in knowing where tiles were," Czajkowski said. "We found out that there is a real need for mapping them."

Drain Tile Mapper received a \$50,000 grant to conduct customer discovery and attend the national program.

"Receiving the award was really quite a surprise. We felt like we were just barely keeping up with the teams," Czajkowski said.

Panozzo and Czajkowski traveled to New York, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan and throughout Ohio to interview potential customers about tile drains. Each week, Panozzo prepared a web presentation based on what they learned from the interviews.

The group is discussing whether to form a company based on their experience with I-Corps and the research they did with drainage tiles.



**BY THE BAY:** Kimberly Panozzo, Navin Singhania, center, and Dr. Kevin Czajkowski posed for a photo in front of the Domaine Chandon Winery in Napa Valley, where the UT team interviewed grape growers about using tile drains.



Photo by Daniel Mille

Lindsay Tuttle, UT sexual assault and prevention education coordinator, right, gave a T-shirt to Kalli Loggins, who signed a pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about domestic violence. The event was one of many held on campus during Domestic Violence Awareness Month to help educate UT and community members about domestic violence and prevention.

#### **Visiting Columbus**



Students in the Speech-Language Pathology Program traveled to the Statehouse in Columbus Oct. 10 to represent The University of Toledo at a legislative reception hosted by the Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition. The students met with state legislators and lobbyists to teach them about the issues facing their future profession, according to Dr. Jenn Glassman, assistant professor in the School of Intervention and Wellness in the College of Health and Human Services. Posing for a photo were, front row from left, Katie Bochi, Emily Berry, Katie Swanberg, McKailey Cusumano and Grayson Willson; and back row from left, Taylor Threat, Yasmina Ahmad, Glassman, Lauren DeBelly and Taylor Koesters.

#### Spreading awareness

#### NEWS

# Public invited to celebrate 50th anniversary of astronomy at UT Oct. 26

By Christine Billau

The University of Toledo is celebrating a milestone in astronomy: 50 years of education, outreach and celestial exploration.

The public is invited to an open house in honor of the 50th anniversary of UT's astronomy program, Ritter Observatory and Planetarium, and Brooks Observatory.

The free event will take place Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m. at Ritter Planetarium and will feature a look back through half a century of northwest Ohio's connection to astronomy.

"One of the joys of astronomy is that people are inherently curious about it, and so sharing our research and our telescopes with the community have been vital in our mission from the beginning," said Dr. Jillian Bornak, associate lecturer in the Department of Physics and Astronomy and chair of the UT Astronomy 50th Anniversary Committee.

The event will include a presentation of stories submitted by Toledoans of their memories, such as visits to UT for full-dome movies, public viewings with telescopes in the observatories, and special



events for Apollo 11 and the impact of the Shoemaker-Levy comet on Jupiter.

The event also will include talks by Dr. Adolf Witt, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Astronomy, who served on the NASA Universe Working Group, and Dr. Jon Bjorkman, professor of physics and astronomy, who studies stellar winds.

The Ritter facility was dedicated Oct. 13, 1967. It was intended to blend research and public education for the University, local schools and community. The 1-meter-diameter telescope housed on top of the Ritter building is the largest optical telescope in the United States east of the Mississippi River.

#### Toledo basketball to serve up 'Tricks, Treats and Dunks' Oct. 25

By Brian DeBenedictis

The University of Toledo basketball teams will host "Tricks, Treats and Dunks," a special season preview presented by Paramount Advantage, Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m. in Savage Arena. Admission is free.

The evening will begin with kids being able to trick-or-treat from 6 to 7 p.m. at stations located in the arena concourses, or they can decorate pumpkins or visit a haunted house inside the Fetterman Gym. Fans can dress in their Halloween costumes and get treats and prizes.

Free schedule posters also will be provided for fans to get autographs from UT men's and women's basketball players.

At 7 p.m., the fun will move onto Nichols Court, where a contest for best Halloween costume will be judged. Prizes will be given out to best costumes for children. There also will be raffle prizes for both fans and UT students throughout the night.

Following the Halloween costume contest, the 2017-18 UT men's and

women's basketball teams will be introduced. The Rockets will participate in a game of Knockout that will feature players from both teams, a Kids Club member, a UT student and a fan. The event will conclude with a slam-dunk contest for the men's team.

A Halloween walk also will be provided by UT Residence Life leaders at approximately 7:45 p.m. for children interested in trick-ortreating at various residence halls.

Fans can purchase snacks from the concession stands as they watch the action and listen to music from a live DJ.

The UT Athletic Ticket Office will be open during the event for fans who wish to purchase season tickets or who want more information about tickets. Fans also can call 419.530.GOLD (4653) for more information.



### ARTS

## Documentary exploring effects of family promise to be shown Oct. 25

Just when her art career began to flourish, Beverly McIver had to make good on a casual promise she made years ago to take care of her intellectually impaired sister, Renee, if anything happened to their mother.

The 2011 documentary titled "Raising Renee" chronicles how honoring that pledge changes the sisters' lives. Filmed over six years, the movie shows how Beverly's pledge to care for Renee is tested.

The Disability Studies Program will screen the 81-minute film Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. in Gillham Hall Room 5300.

The free, public screening is part of the Women, Disability and Film Series put together by Dr. Ally Day, assistant professor of disability studies, for fall semester.

"This fall's series is about analyzing how women with disability are represented through narratives of interdependence," Day said. "How are women more likely to be represented in relation to their families and why? And what kinds of choices do women with disabilities — particularly intellectual disabilities — have in relation to living in their own apartments or with family members?"

After the screening, there will be a panel discussion on the film.

"All films this fall address women in varying intersections of class, race, sexuality, gender and disability, and I expect lively discussions," Day said.

The next film in the series will be "Margarita With a Straw," which will be shown Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. in Gillham Hall Room 5300.

For more information on the film series, contact the Disability Studies Program at 419.530.7244.

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#### Wedding invite



The UT Department of Theatre and Film will screen "The Bride of Frankenstein" Friday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Room 1039. Shown from 16-millimeter film, the 1935 classic directed by James Whale is considered by many to be even better than the original 1931 hit, "Frankenstein." Boris Karloff reprised his role as the monster in the horror movie, which featured Elsa Lancester in the dual roles of Mary Shelley and Frankenstein's mate. 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 Film Fridays and the department's 2017-18 season at utoledo.edu/al/svpa/theatrefilm.

### Horsing around



Photo by Vicki Kroll

"The Noble Horse" sculpture by Peter Busby was surrounded by fog on a September morning.

#### NEWS

# Sociology and Anthropology students and faculty conduct research, volunteer in Dominican Republic

By Ashley Diel

This past summer, eight undergraduate students and one graduate student from the University journeyed to the Dominican Republic for a field school where they partnered with a social and education development nongovernmental organization called Project Esperanza.

The two-week program was part of a six-week course offered through the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and was co-taught by Dr. Karie Peralta and Dr. Shahna Arps. The program was designed to follow the steps a researcher would take to enter a community and begin work for the first time.

During the first few days, students visited cultural museums and local monuments to become more familiar with the history and culture of the Dominican Republic. Students then began volunteering at Project Esperanza's annual summer camp, which serves the children who attend the organization's grassroots, bilingual Haitian Creole and Spanish school.

"For many of our students, this was their first time gaining experience working with children, particularly in an educational setting, and several of them recognized that they were good at it," Peralta, assistant professor of sociology, said. "This involvement was important for our students because it facilitated connections with and deeper understandings of the children whose parents were participants in our household survey."

Students spent eight mornings running the camp and seven afternoons conducting surveys to gather data on the social demographics and living conditions of families with children who attend Project Esperanza's school. They collaborated with interpreters and local community guides in the data collection phase, which enhanced students' cross-cultural research skills. Under the guidance of Peralta and Arps, they also worked on data coding and data entry.

"From a faculty perspective, it was fascinating to observe our students gain confidence in their survey administration, note-taking, observation, and data entry skills," Peralta said.

"Our students were eager to learn, adaptable and open-minded," Arps, lecturer in sociology, added.

In total, the students ended with 92 surveys. The data collected will help inform Project Esperanza's programming efforts.

Students also were given the opportunity to attend a talk by a local

teacher on Haitian-Dominican relations and Vodou, a creolized religion; a presentation on natural medicine and herbal remedies made from common plants; and a discussion on sustainable tourism. They also learned about the historical and present challenges of coffee growing, and they planted coffee seeds, made bug traps, and brewed coffee.

"The field school in the Dominican Republic was an outstanding opportunity and experience, and I feel extremely fortunate to have been a part of it," said Meg Perry, a fourth-year anthropology student. "Working with a developing, materialistically impoverished population has added to my worldview and has made me a more empathetic and humble person."

Students who went on the trip presented a panel session titled "Reflections on Field School Research in the Dominican Republic" Oct. 20 at the 16th annual Ohio Latin Americanist Conference at Ohio State University.



**CAMP CHECK-IN:** UT students Jacalyn DeSelms, left, and Perfenee Womack ran a camp activity with local children at the Project Esperanza's school in the Dominican Republic.

**CRAFT TIME:** Dr. Shahna Arps, standing left, and Meg Perry started a craft activity with camp participants in the Dominican Republic. UT students Madeline Bengela, seated left, and Melissa Tehan also were on hand to help.

## Getting the facts



Kate Johnson, manager of benefits, planning and administration in Human Resources and Talent Development, fielded questions during an open enrollment benefit information forum Thursday in the Thompson Student Union. Several sessions were held across the University last week to inform employees about their 2018 healthcare benefit options. The deadline to elect your 2018 benefits is Tuesday, Oct. 31. Be sure to log in to myUT and make your selection. For more information, contact benefits representatives at 419.530.4747 or email benefits@utoledo.edu.

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Open enrollment for 2018 ends at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017. In an effort to ensure correct coverage, all employees must complete the open enrollment process. New dental and vision options are available for 2018, so all employees must review their options.

On Oct. 1, log into your *myUT* portal. Under *Benefits Information* on the left, click 2018 *Open Enrollment* to start the process.

For more information or to speak to someone about your benefits, please visit *utoledo.edu/depts/hr/benefits,* call **419.530.4747** to make an appointment or email us at **benefits@utoledo.edu**.



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## University Women's Commission collecting winter outerwear

The University Women's Commission is holding a women's winter outerwear drive for coats, hats, boots and gloves that are in good condition.

"Our goal is to help UT women students in need as they brave the elements on their way to classes," said Kelly Andrews, senior associate athletics director/senior woman administrator in Intercollegiate Athletics, who is chair of the commission. "We want to give them a warm start to winter."

Donations will benefit Kate's Closet at the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women.

- Collection locations will be:
- The Center for Health and Successful Living in Health and Human Services Building Room 1100;
- The Eberly Center for Women in Tucker Hall Room 0168; and
- Human Resources and Talent Development, Academic Services Room 1000 on Scott Park Campus.

Donations that are clean and in good condition are being accepted through Monday, Nov. 20.



For more information, contact Marie Janes, senior lecturer in the School of Population Health and co-chair of programming for the University Women's Commission, at marie.janes@utoledo.edu or 419.530.4523.

#### Information Technology Help Desk offers Live Chat

ave a computer issue? Now you can Live Chat with the Information Technology Help Desk.

"We want to offer immediate assistance, and Live Chat is another way for IT to quickly resolve computer-related issues," Dominic D'Emilio, senior director of network services and technical support, said.

Available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, Live Chat can be accessed from any UT computer or UT Virtual Lab by clicking the red IT Help button on the desktop, and then clicking the blue Chat Now button on the right side of the page. And if you're working off campus, just go to http://ithelp.utoledo.edu and log in with your UTAD username and password.

"We hope you find this service a quick, convenient way to get helpful information," D'Emilio said.

The IT help page also displays information about planned outages.

In addition, the site features a menu that allows you to review IT tickets, access configuration information for email setup on a mobile device, go to a UT Virtual Lab, buy discounted software, and more.

#### In memoriam

**Joann Ruch**, Oregon, a former nurse at MCO/MUO/UT, died Oct. 9 at age 82. She received a bachelor of education degree in public affairs and community service from the University in 1994.

## Spring semester registration dates announced

By Cathy Zimmer

Priority dates have been streamlined by class rank in order to improve the ease of registration for continuing students.

Registration began Oct. 18 for honors students; graduate students; studentathletes, including varsity cheerleaders; ROTC (all contracted ROTC cadets); Salford University students; students with disabilities; Student Disability Services volunteer note-takers; military/veteran students; and distance-learning-only students.

Other registration dates are:

- Monday, Oct. 23 Seniors (90 earned hours or more).
- Friday, Oct. 27 Juniors (60 to 89 earned hours).

- Thursday, Nov. 2 Sophomores (30 to 59 earned hours) and undergraduates with degrees.
- Wednesday, Nov. 8 Freshmen (0 to 29 earned hours).
- Friday, Nov. 17 Open registration.
- Friday, Jan. 12 Program 60.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to share this information with students so they are aware of the enhanced registration process.

Links to the 2018 spring semester priority dates may be found at utoledo.edu/ offices/registrar.



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# Department of Mathematics and Statistics celebrating 100 years

By Ashley Diel

n celebration of 100 years dedicated to education and research at UT, the Department of Mathematics and Statistics will host several events, starting with a Matheatre double feature Wednesday, Nov. 1, in the Lois and Norman Nitschke Auditorium.

The first feature, "Curie Me Away," a musical about the science, life and legacy of Madame Marie Curie, the first scientist to win two Nobel prizes, will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The second feature "Calculus: The Musical," a comic review of the concepts and history of calculus, will start at 8:30 p.m.

There also will be an intermission sponsored by the UT Department of Women's and Gender Studies on women in the science, technology, engineering and math fields.

Admission is free and is open to all, but registration is required at math.utoledo.edu.

The department also will host a centennial celebration dinner for those affiliated with the Department of Mathematics and Statistics Thursday, Nov. 2. Doors will open at 5 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate our rich history, to thank those involved with the department today, and to embrace a myriad of wonderful possibilities for our future," said Dr. Donald White, professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. "The scheduled events also include a strong element of connecting with the rest of the University community."

In addition, on Friday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m., the UT Department of Theatre and Film will present the play, "Arcadia," which has mathematically oriented elements. There will be a discussion regarding mathematics and the production after the performance.

"Mathematics and statistics are foundational to understanding so much of what we do and who we are," White said. "Mathematical models that describe the universe and our role in it, along with statistical methods that enable us to properly study phenomena in science and social science, are vital to our effective functioning in the universe and to our responsibly handling each other and our planet.

"In addition to the importance of the fields, we celebrate because it gives us a chance to join together and relish the past, enjoy the present, and embrace a great future."

For more information or to register for the matheatre event, visit math.utoledo.edu.

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### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1, 2017

NITSCHKE AUDITORIUM 1600 N. WESTWOOD AVE. TOLEDO, OH 43606-3390

- Intermission at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy desserts and browse a display highlighting women in STEM.
- Admission is free, but donations collected during intermission are encouraged and will contribute to the department's centennial fund.

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