

## Welltower announces transformational gift to UT; company headquarters will remain in Toledo

By Meghan Cunningham

**W**elltower Inc. (NYSE: HCN) announced Sept. 20 the donation of its state-of-the-art, LEED-certified office buildings and approximately 100 acres of land for the benefit of The University of Toledo.

This transformational gift, at an estimated value of more than \$30 million, is made possible through an innovative real estate agreement that transfers the company's extensive Toledo property at 4500 Dorr St. to The University of Toledo Foundation.

Welltower's corporate headquarters will remain in Toledo, where it has been located since 1986. As part of the agreement, Welltower will continue to occupy the 4500 Dorr St. North Building. The University of Toledo and the UT Foundation will evaluate the optimal uses for the gifted real estate to advance the University's mission.

"We are thrilled to make this transformational gift to The

University of Toledo," said Tom DeRosa, Welltower's chief executive officer. "As the global leader in health-care real estate, we are positioning Welltower for growth and optimizing our own real estate footprint. We have more space than we need and are focused on running the business more efficiently. This led us to consider more productive, community-minded uses of the campus. The University of Toledo is the ideal choice, and we are delighted to partner with them in such a meaningful and progressive way.

"It is a fitting tribute to our company's founders, Fritz Wolfe and Bruce Thompson, to donate the building and grounds to an institution that so profoundly impacts the region and the community that the Wolfe and Thompson families loved dearly. We are honored to open the gates of this incredible campus to broader uses that will benefit the University and the Toledo community for generations to come." *continued on p. 3*



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

**HISTORIC GIFT:** Welltower CEO Tom DeRosa and UT President Sharon L. Gaber discussed the real estate investment trust's donation to the University. Valued at \$30 million, the gift consists of office buildings and approximately 100 acres at 4500 Dorr St.

## UTMC helps BMX racer beat paralysis to get back on track

By Sarah A. Velliquette

**S**ixteen-year-old Dakota Gillett was an avid BMX bicycle racer with the dream of going pro.

"BMX was my passion. It was just my thing," Gillett said. "I'd just focus on that and do my school — and that's all I did."

On July 3, 2016, while on vacation in Tucson, Ariz., he entered a BMX contest that would forever change his life. When attempting a jump over a barrel, Gillett fell and broke his C3 and C4 vertebrae, which resulted in him being paralyzed from the chest down.

His mom, Heidi, was home in Montpelier, Ohio, when her son was injured. After arriving at the hospital in Arizona, she was not prepared for what she saw.

"There was Dakota, with tubes everywhere. He had a ventilator in. He had tubes coming out of his neck, he had two central lines put in," she said. "He was just sitting there. He just looked so miserable and so sad. I've never seen him like that."

After undergoing surgeries and beginning rehabilitation, Gillett was transferred to the Rehabilitation Hospital of Northwest Ohio on the UT Health Science Campus to be closer to home. He then progressed to outpatient care at UT Medical Center.

"He started off here in our facility in a wheelchair," said Eman Jarouche, physical therapist at UTMC's Outpatient Therapy Services. "He had mentioned that he was able to stand a couple of times and try to take a step, but that was all he was able to do when he started here."

During the next nine months, Gillett and his mom traveled more than an hour from their home to UTMC at least twice each week for physical therapy and occupational therapy services.

"Once he came here, they instantly put him on a harness, and they put him on a treadmill and got him walking," Gillett's mom said.

In spite of a diagnosis of lifetime paralysis with little chance of walking, Gillett was determined to get back on his bike by the first anniversary of his accident.

"As my body got stronger, we started talking about getting back on my bike," he said. "I went out and bought a helmet and bought a strap for my left leg and said, 'OK, now it's time to focus.' They put the belt on and were like, 'OK, you're on your own,' and

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**ALL SMILES:** Dakota Gillett and Eman Jarouche, physical therapist at UTMC, took a break from their session for a photo.

Perspectives



Photo by Daniel Miller

John Quiñones — ABC News veteran, anchor for 20/20 and Primetime, and host of the popular series “What Would You Do?” — shared his story Sept. 21 in Doermann Theatre during the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month. He relayed his struggle and perseverance, including his ties to northwest Ohio. At age 13, he and his family picked tomatoes with other migrant workers in Swanton, Ohio. Quiñones said he always dreamed of becoming a journalist, and that dream became a reality in part because of his participation in the Upward Bound program. The newsman also discussed how he has seen the worst and the best in people on “What Would You Do?” He said the show compels people to explore their capacity for empathy and compassion.



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

John Quiñones also met with UT students in the Thompson Student Union while on campus last week. His visit was sponsored by the Honors College, the Division of Student Affairs, and the Office for Diversity and Inclusion.

Showcasing Toledo’s beginning



Photos by Daniel Miller

Barbara Floyd, director of the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections, left, talked about recently discovered historic documents that included Toledo’s charter from 1837, the year the city was founded, with, from left, Julie Gibbons, assistant clerk of the Toledo City Council; Mary Rose Donahue, a local resident who came to campus to view the papers; and Phil Carroll, a Toledo police officer. Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson spoke at the Sept. 19 presentation of the documents in Carlson Library.



## Results from 2017 Diversity Climate Survey released

By Anna Brogan-Knight

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion's report of the spring 2017 Diversity Climate Survey is complete and available at [utoledo.edu/diversity](http://utoledo.edu/diversity) for review.

This document summarizes the results of the survey, recounts diversity and inclusion efforts throughout the last academic year, and demonstrates movement in attitudes and diversity climate on campus.

All students, faculty and staff received a link to the online survey in their University email boxes in April.

The 40-question survey was designed to anonymously collect honest feelings about the campus climate related to diversity, classroom climate and inclusion.

The University initiated the first diversity survey in 2016 as part of development of the diversity and inclusion plan. The survey will be offered biannually to measure the changing campus perceptions about inclusion issues and the effectiveness of ongoing programs that contribute to furthering the dialogue on the topic.

"The data reflects that each group surveyed — faculty, staff and students — is thinking more about issues of diversity and inclusion on campus," said Dr. Willie McKether, vice president for diversity and inclusion. "This suggests that people are paying more attention and that this issue is receiving more attention in a way that improves the climate of the University."

## Welltower

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"We are grateful for this generous gift from Welltower, which affirms the important role of The University of Toledo to positively impact our community. This Toledo-based global company chose to invest in UT because of our capacity to contribute to the growth and development of our region, and we are thankful for their support," said Dr. Sharon L. Gaber, president of The University of Toledo. "This is the largest gift in the University's history and provides a unique opportunity to explore potential uses for this space that would best serve the University and the community, and contribute to our goal to be one of the top public, national, research universities."

The donation by Welltower includes the 4500 Dorr St. Main Building's 140,000 square feet of office space, which will be

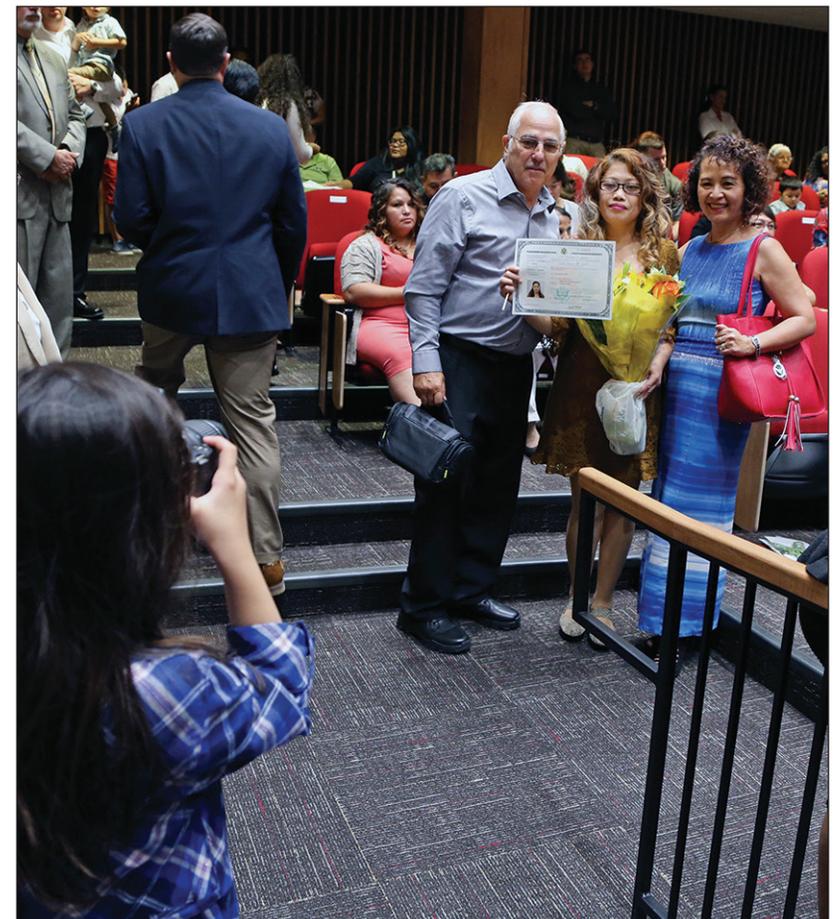
repurposed by the UT Foundation, and the approximately 31,000-square-foot North Building to be leased by Welltower as its corporate headquarters and office space for its Toledo-based employees. As a result, Welltower will significantly reduce the cost associated with its corporate headquarters.

Final transfer of the real estate and implementation of the lease-back structure are expected to occur by the middle of 2018. The company also plans to open an office in New York City in 2018. This adds an important local presence to support the company's significant East Coast portfolio, and will function similarly to other regional offices in London, Toronto, Jupiter and Beverly Hills. Additionally, the company has real estate management offices in Atlanta, Dallas, Minneapolis, St. Louis and Phoenix.

## So much pride



Photos by Rachel Nearhoof



Eighty-five people from 37 countries were sworn in as U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony Sept. 18 in the Law Center. Photo ops abounded for proud families. One of the speakers was Agnieszka McPeak, UT associate professor of law, who emigrated from Poland when she was 4; she praised the "collective courage" in the McQuade Law Auditorium. The event was part of UT's celebration of Constitution Day and was sponsored by the Office of Government Relations and the Center for International Studies and Programs.

# Two UT Medical Center physical therapists earn neuro certification, bringing total to four

By Sarah A. Velliquette

The physical therapy team at UT Medical Center has another reason to be proud: Alison Pollacek and Eman Jarouche are the most recent therapists to be certified in neurologic physical therapy by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists, bringing the total number to four at UTMC.

“This is not a requirement for all physical therapists to achieve,” Pollacek said. “We have a passion for what we do and believe that in order to offer the best therapies to our patients, we needed to pursue a certification of this merit.”

Both Pollacek and Jarouche went through 2,000 hours of clinical training and took the certification exam in March. They received official notification of their passing scores in June, demonstrating their knowledge of evidence-based treatments integrated into excellent clinical practice.

“It was a lot of hard work, but, in reality, it’s small compared to the work our patients put in for us,” Pollacek said.

According to the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists’ website, only 2,290 therapists in the United States have earned the distinction of neurologic clinical specialist as of June. It is rare for

one institution to have one board-certified neurologic physical therapist.

“To have the number of neuro-certified therapists as we do at UTMC acknowledges our desire to better serve our patients and keep up to date on best practices in terms of therapeutic approaches and research,” Jarouche said.

Cathy Hites was the first at UTMC to receive her certification in 1999, followed by Tori Smith in 2009. Both knew that they wanted to further support their patients with neuro-related injuries such as those from strokes, trauma, or those for neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson’s.

The number of patients coming in for treatment with strokes, traumatic brain injuries and spinal cord injuries has increased over time, resulting in the need to focus on the best practices in physical therapy for this patient population, as well as those with degenerative diseases.

“We want our patients to feel confident during their therapy sessions and trust we are backing their individual treatment plans with knowledge that leads them back to their everyday lives,” Smith said.



**FAB FOUR:** Certified in neurologic physical therapy by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists are, back row from left, Eman Jarouche, Alison Pollacek and Tori Smith, and, front, Cathy Hites.

In addition to the four neurological clinical specialists, the Outpatient Therapy Services at UTMC has two therapists certified as sports clinical specialists and one as an orthopedic clinical specialist.

For more information, call the Outpatient Therapy Department at UTMC at 419.383.5040 or visit [uthealth.utoledo.edu](http://uthealth.utoledo.edu).

## BMX racer

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I look back and I’m on my own! This was unbelievable.”

“His biggest goal was getting back on the bike by the one-year mark, and now he’s riding with the wind in his hair!” Jarouche said.

Gillett’s mom credits Jarouche and the rest of her son’s therapy team at UTMC for pushing him while giving him the quality care he needed.

“I felt like these guys actually cared and made sure that that person could get to where they needed to get,” she said. “When Dakota would get his goals, they would be doing dances with him. I’m just so happy with this place.”

“My experience at UT is possibly the best experience that I’ve ever had in my whole life because they never give up and they always push you to your limits,” Gillett said.

To watch a video about Gillett, visit the UTMC tab of the myUT portal.



**RECOVERING:** Eman Jarouche, physical therapist at UTMC’s Outpatient Therapy Services, worked with Dakota Gillett.



**RIDE ON:** Dakota Gillett, who was diagnosed with lifetime paralysis after a bike accident last year, was pedaling again recently on Health Science Campus.

# UT celebrates fusion of art and science with Toledo CellulART Sept. 29

By Christine Billau

**S**cientists by trade. Artists by association. Biologists breaking down the building blocks of life to find a cure for cancer and other diseases fuse science and art every day, turning the laboratory into a studio.

This week The University of Toledo is hosting a one-day conference to celebrate and explore the creative side of cytoskeletal research.

Toledo CellulART will take place Friday, Sept. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the UT Center for the Visual Arts, a building designed by world-renowned architect Frank Gehry and attached to the Toledo Museum of Art.

“Much of what we do is microscopy-based, which takes a certain level of artistic expertise,” said Ashtyn Zinn, UT PhD student researcher in the Department of Biological Sciences.

Zinn organized the free, public event with the help of a grant from the American Society for Cell Biology. She works in the cancer research laboratory of Dr. Rafael Garcia-Mata, UT assistant professor of biological sciences.

Toledo CellulART’s keynote speaker will be Dr. Keith Burridge, Kenan Distinguished Professor in the Department of Cell Biology and Physiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He will speak at 3:30 p.m.

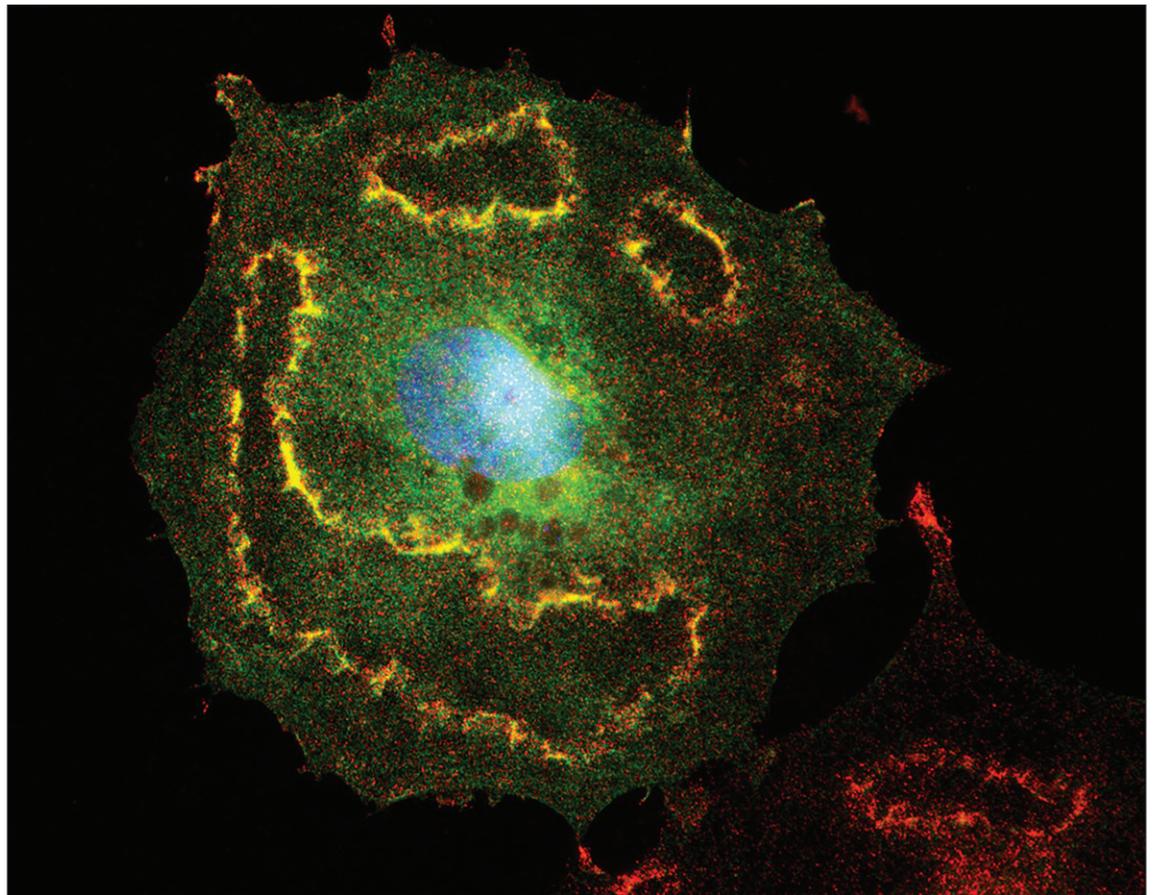
“Dr. Burridge is a modern scientist and pioneer in the field of cytoskeletal

research,” Garcia-Mata said. “Among a very long list of seminal contributions, he provided key early insights into the mechanisms of cell attachment and adhesion as one of the very first to characterize focal adhesions and the contractile nature of stress fibers. He discovered and characterized many of the key molecular components of the complex now known as the adhesome.”

The event also will feature a talk and artwork by Dr. Dylan Burnette, assistant professor of cell and developmental biology at Vanderbilt University, at 1:30 p.m.

Oral and poster presentations by students and faculty are scheduled throughout the day. Pieces by past winners of the Nikon Small World Challenge will be on display at 4:30 p.m.

Registration is required for the event, which brings together the regional art and scientific communities. In addition to UT



**NATURAL ART:** This cytoskeletal art was created by Dr. Rafael Garcia-Mata, UT assistant professor of biological sciences.

faculty and students, researchers from 15 other universities will attend the conference from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois,

including the University of Michigan, Notre Dame and the University of Chicago.

For more information, go to <https://toledocellulart.wixsite.com/home>.

## Piano series to begin this week

By Angela Riddel

**G**uest pianist Sylvia Wang will open the annual Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series at the Center for Performing Arts this week.

She will present a master class Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to noon, and a recital Sunday, Oct. 1, at 3 p.m. Both free, public events will be held in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

Her concert program will feature Robert Schumann’s Romance in F-sharp Major, Op. 28, no. 2 and Sinfonische Etüden, Op. 13, including the posthumous variations. For the second half of the program, she will perform Debussy’s Préludes, Book 2.

Wang has performed as soloist and collaborative pianist across the United States, Europe, Asia, Central America, Australia and Argentina. She also has recorded for the Newport Classic, CRI, Boston Records and Northeastern labels.

She was a winner and finalist for numerous awards and competitions, including the Royal Overseas Music Festival in London, Chamber Music Yellow Springs in Ohio, and the J.S. Bach International Piano Competition in Washington, D.C.

Wang is on the faculty at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., and has served as adjudicator, guest teacher or clinician for

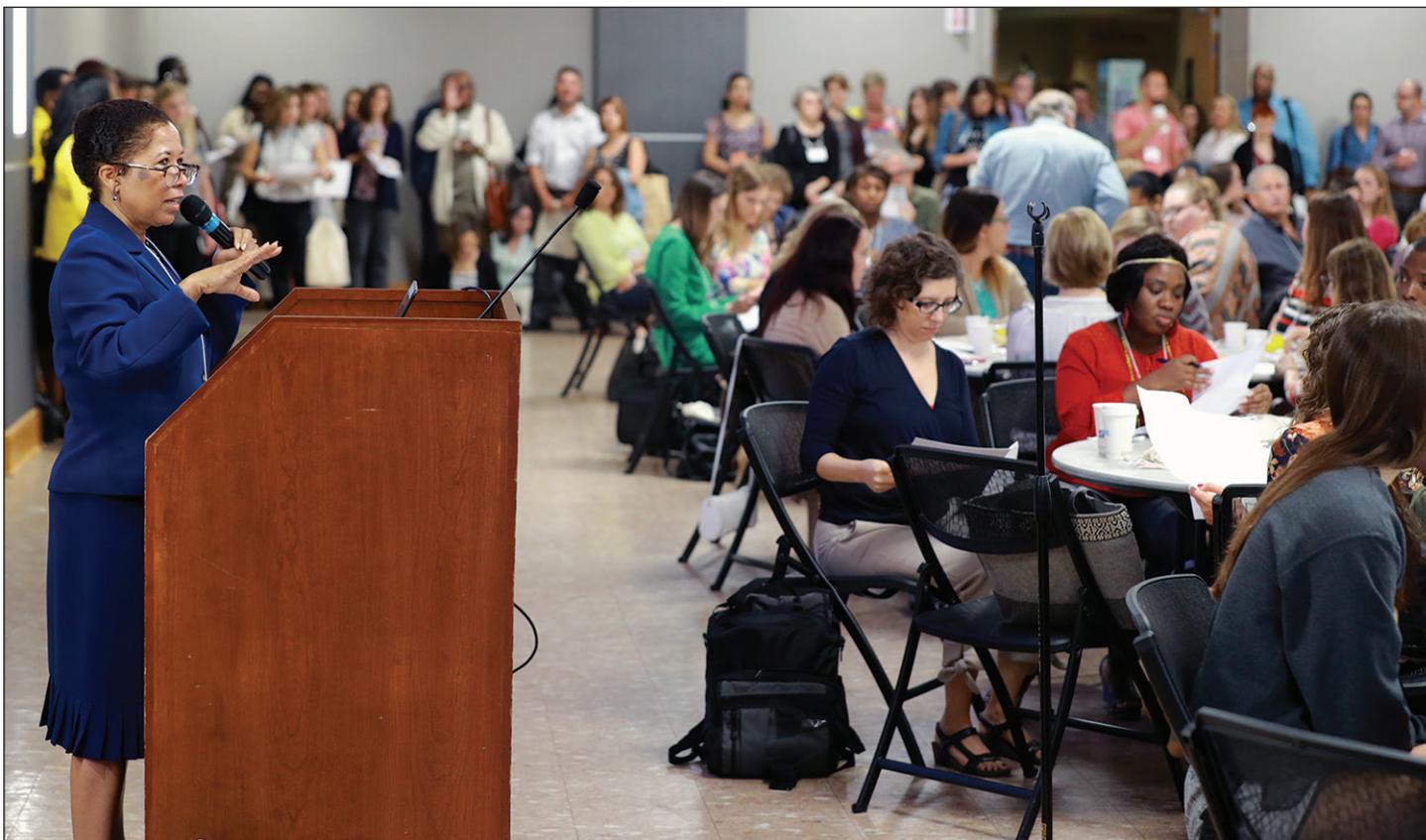
such organizations as the Music Teachers National Association in the United States, the Central Conservatory in Beijing, the Centre for Young Musicians in London, the Chautauqua Institution in New York, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory in Singapore, and the Sydney Conservatorium of Music in Australia. She also has taught at the Vianden International Festival in Luxembourg.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael Boyd, UT professor of piano, at [michael.boyd@utoledo.edu](mailto:michael.boyd@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.2183.



Wang

## Fighting human trafficking



Dr. Celia Williamson welcomed participants to the 14th annual International Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference. The UT professor of social work and director of the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute unveiled the first comprehensive, evidence-based guide to preventing the sex trafficking of children at the two-day event, which was held in the Thompson Student Union last week. Williamson's pioneering research, which was supported by a grant from the Ohio Department of Higher Education for the Ohio Children's Trust Fund, provides a multi-tiered system targeting at-risk youth and the adults who interact with them. "This is a broad stroke and our first attempt to get you doing effective prevention with youth in your community," Williamson said. "We need to reach the people who are at-risk and the people around those who are at-risk." She started this annual conference in 2004; since then the event has welcomed presenters from more than three dozen states and 15 countries to lay the groundwork for future collaborative research, advocacy and program development to fight human trafficking.

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## Racism topic of diversity discussion Sept. 27

**D**ialogues on Diversity are back. The first topic up: race and racism.

"In keeping with the theme of National Hispanic Heritage Month, we are going to have a conversation about race, what it is, what it means, and how racism comes to be," Dr. Willie McKether, vice president for diversity and inclusion, said.

A panel of experts on race, culture and diversity will lead the discussion Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Thompson Student Union Room 2592.

Campus community members are encouraged to talk openly about diversity with their peers, according to McKether.

"The Dialogues on Diversity give everyone on campus a voice and a chance to view issues from different perspectives," he said.

Light refreshments will be served.

The free, public series will continue Wednesday, Oct. 18, and Wednesday, Nov. 15, with themes on LGBTQA+ and veterans, respectively.

For more information, go to [utoledo.edu/diversity](http://utoledo.edu/diversity).

## Dialogues on *Diversity*

In an effort to create a more inclusive University, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion is hosting a series of events focused on exploring, analyzing and fostering a diverse environment throughout the UT community. Each month features a different theme.

**Wednesday, Sept. 27, 6 – 8 p.m., SU 2592**  
Theme: Hispanic Heritage

**Wednesday, Oct. 18, 6 – 8 p.m., SU 2591**  
Theme: LGBTQA+ History

**Wednesday, Nov. 15, 6 – 8 p.m., SU 2591**  
Theme: Veterans Issues



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## Service dog spotlight



Jenny Barlos, client service manager for Assistance Dogs for Achieving Independence, spoke last week in Carlson Library at an event to celebrate National Service Dog Month. She provided a training demonstration with Roscoe. The UT student group Rocket Service Dogs partners with Assistance Dogs for Achieving Independence, a program of the Ability Center of Greater Toledo, to provide participants with information and resources for fostering and training the dogs. For more information on Rocket Service Dogs and how to foster a dog in training, contact [rocketservicedogs@gmail.com](mailto:rocketservicedogs@gmail.com) or visit [facebook.com/rocketservicedogs](https://www.facebook.com/rocketservicedogs).



Photos by Rachel Nearhoof

Grace, a service dog in training, was ready for her close-up as Cameron Norton, assistant director for social media, took a photo.

## Namaste



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

Dr. Melissa Gregory, associate professor of English, left, led a Yoga on the Mall session last week. The stress-relief event was hosted by the Office of Recreational Services; the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women; the Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program; the Professional Staff Council; Rocket Wellness; and the Center for Student Advocacy and Wellness.

## Game on



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

Jacinda Earley reacted after pulling a block during a game of Jenga with Kenneth Proby Jr. The two students stopped by an open house Sept. 13 held by the Center for Success Coaching, which is located in Rocket Hall Room 1830. To learn how the coaches and center empower students, go to [utoledo.edu/successcoach](http://utoledo.edu/successcoach).

# Celebrate right and freedom to read at banned books vigil Sept. 28

By Ashley Diel

The University of Toledo will celebrate its 20th annual Banned Books Vigil to celebrate the right to read and think freely without censorship.

The free, public event will take place Thursday, Sept. 28, on the third floor of Carlson Library. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with programs starting every half hour through 5 p.m.

“Our democracy depends on our intellectual freedom,” said Dr. Paulette D. Kilmer, UT professor of communication, who coordinates the event. “Anybody who controls what we read controls what we think and what we know. We give away banned books to promote free inquiry. It’s a fun way to circulate these books that have been called into question.”

Light snacks and refreshments will be available, with free banned books and door prizes given away every half hour. The first 300 attendees also will receive a goody bag at the entrance. One of the sacks will contain a card redeemable for \$50 on the spot.

“We want the students to enjoy themselves,” Kilmer said. “We are thankful that all of these people find the time to come to our festival of reading and free expression.”

Topics and speakers for the event will be:

- 9 a.m. — “Welcome: Read on” by Beau Case, dean of University Libraries, and Dr. David Tucker, UT professor of communication;
- 9:30 a.m. — “The Future Isn’t What It Used to be” by Dr. David Tucker, UT professor of communication;

- 10 a.m. — “Banned: Native-American Spirituality” by Dr. Barbara Alice Mann, UT honors professor of humanities;
- 10:30 a.m. — “Girl’s Night Out With Pandora, Lilith and Eve” by Warren Woodberry, local author and mentor;
- 11 a.m. — “A Historical Overview of Book Banning From Plato to the Present” by Arjun Sabharwal, UT associate professor and digital initiatives librarian;
- 11:30 a.m. — “All That (and) Jazz: Censorship of Transgender Representation in Children’s Books” by Dr. Sharon Barnes, associate professor and interim chair of women’s and gender studies;
- Noon — The Dr. Linda Smith Lecture: “Suppressing ‘Truths’ in the Age of Fake News” by Dr. Heidi M. Appel, dean of the Jesup Scott Honors College;
- 12:30 p.m. — “Remarks and Observations” by Dr. Andrew Hsu, UT provost and executive vice president for academic affairs;
- 1 p.m. — “Just What is Fake News?” by Lou Herbert, Toledo broadcaster and historian;
- 1:30 p.m. — “Book Burning Videos: Indiana Jones, Eyewitnesses and Ray Bradbury”;
- 2 p.m. — “Plato’s ‘Cave’ in the Age of Post-Truth” by Dr. Glenn Sheldon, UT honors professor of humanities;



## READ, THINK, SPEAK, CREATE FREELY

- 2:30 p.m. — “Jeopardy!” hosted by The Independent Collegian editors;
- 3 p.m. — “Covering Campus News Transparently in the Selfie Age of Public Image” by Emily Schnipke, editor-in-chief of The Independent Collegian;
- 3:30 p.m. — “You Read WHAT to Your Daughter?! And Other Stupid Questions...” by Josie Schreiber, UT student;
- 4 p.m. — “Hear No Evil! See No Evil! Speak No Evil! Teach No Evil!” by Cindy Ramirez, Bedford High School teacher; and
- 4:30 p.m. — “Hard-Hitting Songs for Hard-Hit People” by Risa Cohen, West Side Montessori teacher.

Kilmer said this Banned Books Week Vigil would not be possible without help from generous sponsors: Barry’s Bagels; Ann Lumbrezer; The Independent Collegian; Lambda Pi Eta, UT Communication Honor Society; New Sins Press; Phoenicia Cuisine; UT

Barnes & Noble Bookstore; UT Center for Experiential Learning and Career Development; UT Department of Art; UT Department of Communication; UT Department of English Language and Literature; UT Department of Foreign Languages; UT Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success; UT Federal Credit Union; University Libraries; UT Greek Life; UT Jesup Scott Honors College; UT Marketing and Communications Office; UT Office of the Dean of Students; UT Student Government; UT Theatre and Film Department; WXUT FM 88.3; Aramark; Mitchell & Kelley Auctioneers, Adrian, Mich.; UT Public Relations Student Society of America; UT Campus Activities and Programing; UT Counseling Center; UT College of Arts and Letters; UT School of Visual and Performing Arts; and UT Starbucks.

She added a special thanks to the Office of the President and the Office of the Provost.

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## Surgeon named director of cancer program

By Sarah A. Velliquette

With nearly 30 years of experience in cancer-related care, it comes as no surprise that Dr. Francis Charles Brunicardi has been named director of the cancer program in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.



Brunicardi

This administrative role oversees the coordination of the three key components of the cancer program — clinical, education and research studies in affiliation with ProMedica.

“I am honored to be here and enjoy working with President [Sharon L.] Gaber, Dean [Christopher] Cooper, and UTMC CEO Dan Barbee,” Brunicardi said. “In this administrative role, I really aim to focus on enhancing relationships between clinical staff, clinical and basic science

faculty, as well as the learners, in order to take the cancer program to its next level of excellence. The ultimate goal is to build a precision medicine program for targeted cancer therapy in affiliation with ProMedica.”

A practicing general surgeon specializing in personalized surgery and precision medicine, Brunicardi joined UT in 2016 as chair of the Department of Surgery and chief of academic surgery for ProMedica.

Prior to this, he was a member of the Department of Surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California in Los Angeles, where he served as professor in residence and vice chair of surgery since 2011 and the Moss Foundation Chair in Gastrointestinal and Personalized Surgery since 2012.

“Dr. Brunicardi was an ideal choice for this role because of his vast experience in translational cancer research, surgical oncology and his strong leadership skills,” said Cooper, dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences and executive vice president for clinical affairs. “This role

is critical for the integration of high-quality patient care, state-of-the-art research, and education. Dr. Brunicardi has the skills and experience to accomplish this.”

In addition to his impressive experience, Brunicardi’s clinical interests include pancreatic cancer neuroendocrine tumors, as well as breast surgery. His research focuses on translation precision medicine and personalized surgery, specifically pertaining to pancreatic cancer. He has published 284 papers, seven books and 38 book chapters, and is the lead editor of Schwartz’s Principles of Surgery.

After receiving his medical degree from Rutgers School of Medicine in 1980, he graduated the surgery residency program at State University of New York Downstate, where he also spent three years as a research fellow in pancreatic diseases. He served as an assistant and associate professor at UCLA, then served as professor and chairman of the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston for 12 years.

He has designed and founded three breast cancer centers and served on boards of three cancer centers. He has served as the first vice president for the Texas Surgical Society, as a member of the board of directors for the Southern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, and on the board of trustees at the Mary Crowley Medical Research Center. He is a member of the Committee on Technology and Communications Association for Academic Surgeons, American College of Surgeons, and is a charter member of the Cure Focus Research Alliance. He has held several positions within the Association for Academic Surgery; these include president, recorder and historian.

Brunicardi also dedicates time to editorial services for medical publications, including the Journal of Translational Medicine; American Journal of Surgery; Cancer Management and Research; Clinical and Translational Science; Pancreas; and World Journal of Surgery.

## Momentous occasion



It was a historic day for the College of Nursing when 80 students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program and 47 students in the Clinical Nursing Leader Program received white coats. The ceremony was made possible with a grant from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. Posing for a photo with the students to mark the special Sept. 6 event were, center from left, Dr. Carrie Lee, interim director of the Clinical Nursing Leader Program and Nursing Education Certificate Program; Dr. Linda Lewandowski, dean of the College of Nursing; and Dr. Heidi Shank, director of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.

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***“Understanding Domestic Violence  
Through Feminist Theory”***

with

**Megan Maynhart**

***“Knives and Blossoms: Women in the  
Poetry of William Carlos Williams”***

with

**Darryn Edwards**

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**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

**2:00-3:30 p.m.**

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The WGST Research Showcase is a forum for UT students to present their research and creative projects to the broader university community. Students from all disciplines are encouraged to present current or recently completed academic projects showcasing their work on women's and gender issues. The Showcase serves as a resource for students to share and learn how fellow students have developed their intellectual interests, current projects, and faculty connections. The Showcase also demonstrates to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the UT community that student research builds upon and enriches the UT undergraduate experience. If you would like to participate or present your works in the WGST Student Research Showcase, or if you have any questions, please contact Dr. Sharon Barnes at 419.530.6206.



# Bowling event to bring together kids, men and women in uniform

By Ashley Diel

Tensions between civilians and police have been on the rise recently, but a member of The University of Toledo staff is looking to change that stigma.

George W. Hayes Jr., UT electrician journeyman 2 and Toledo Bowling Senate junior coordinator, organized the Build-A-Trust Bowl-A-Thon to help bridge the trust level between people in the Toledo area with men and women in uniform.

The event will take place Saturday, Sept. 30, at 11 a.m. at the Toledo Sports Center, 1516 Starr Ave. Kids, police, firefighters, military personnel, and members of the community are encouraged to attend.

With more than 30 years of working with kids, Hayes has seen firsthand many of the issues they face and hopes this event will help make Toledo a better place.

“With the issues going on around the country between the police and young folks, I think that this is a great way to try and bridge the trust level between the groups here in Toledo and the surrounding area,” Hayes said. “It’s good to get the community involved because this is not just a Toledo problem, this is nationwide.”

The cost to bowl three games is \$5 per person, including shoes. Kids 17 and younger bowl for free courtesy of Jon Harris of McDonald’s, who helps sponsor the event.

There will be music and door prizes at the event, which is expected to bring in 200 people.

Hayes encourages all police, firefighters and military personnel to attend, regardless of where they live or work.

“Come out and have some fun with The University of Toledo Police and other officers if you are not afraid to get beat on the lanes by the young folks,” Hayes said and laughed. “If you know how to have fun, fun and more fun and want to make a difference, come out and party with the crew.”

For more information, contact Hayes at [george.hayes@utoledo.edu](mailto:george.hayes@utoledo.edu).

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## UT Engineering Fall Career Expo to take place Sept. 27

The University of Toledo Engineering Career Development Center will host the Fall 2017 Engineering Career Expo Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Representatives from more than 160 companies will be available to talk to students and alumni of the UT College of Engineering.

Employer participants will include American Electric Power, Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., DTE Energy, DePuy Synthes/Johnson & Johnson Co., Honda, Marathon Petroleum Corp., Owens Corning, Owens-Illinois Inc., Toledo Refining Co. and Zimmer Biomet.

“The current job outlook for engineering students in The University of Toledo Engineering College is certainly bright as evidenced by the number of employers registered to attend the college’s fall expo,” said Dr. Vickie Kuntz, director of the Engineering Career Development Center. “This reflects very positively on the quality of both our programs and our students. It also demonstrates our dynamic and mutually beneficial partnership we have with our industry participants.”

This event is held to connect students with companies seeking talent needed for success.

“The college hosts semiannual career expos in order to afford our students the opportunity to network with potential employers. It also allows our employers to meet our students to determine if they would

be a good fit into their organizations,” Kuntz said.

“Our undergraduate mandatory co-op program is one of only eight mandatory engineering co-op programs in the country. Many students indicate our co-op program is the reason they attend the College of Engineering at The University of Toledo. Our program requires our students to graduate with one full year of professional engineering experience. Our students feel confident seeking full-time employment upon graduation. Co-op employers are able to work with these students and are able to determine how the student fits within their organizations. It’s a win-win situation for our students and the employers who hire them.”

More than 600 students are expected to attend the fall expo, she added.

The expo is open to UT College of Engineering students who are enrolled in the mandatory co-op program. Additionally, alumni of the UT College of Engineering and students searching for full-time opportunities are welcome.

The UT Engineering Fall 2017 Career Expo will be held at the College of Engineering from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Attendees can pre-register the morning of the event from 9 to 11 a.m. or register just prior to the event starting at 12:15 p.m. in North Engineering Building Room 1022.

## International recognition



Mohammad Matin Hanifzadeh, a fourth-year PhD candidate in the Department of Chemical Engineering, right, was awarded first place in the engineering section for his research presentation titled “Effect of Low Concentration of Mg and Ca on Microalgal Biomass and Lipid Production” at the Algae Biomass Summit. Internationally the largest event organized annually by the Algae Biomass Organization, the summit unites industry leaders and academic professionals around the world and mainly focuses on three categories: biology, commercialization, and engineering and analysis. Every year, from more than 250 presentations, 20 young researchers are selected as the finalists for the Young Researcher Award Competition. The finalists are invited to present their work in front of the competition judges, and the top three awards are selected based on the significance of the work and the quality of the presentation.

## Internal medicine residents rank in top 5 percent for medical competency

By Sarah A. Velliquette

The UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences’ internal medicine residents outscored 95 percent of their peers on a national exam by the American College of Physicians.

The 2016 Internal Medical In-Training Exam, which is modeled after the American Board of Internal Medicine Certification Exam, is an annual self-assessment available to residents to assess their progress.

“To achieve these high of marks is a real testament to the outstanding internal

medicine residents we have here at UT,” said Dr. Ragheb Assaly, UT professor of medicine and director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program. “They have proven their academic capability through their exam scores and are able to apply this knowledge and effectively treat the patients they see every day.”

UT’s Internal Medicine Residency Program is a three-year, fully accredited program designed to provide the best of academic medicine with community-based clinical training for a high-quality education

for future physicians. Residents receive hands-on experience in a variety of medical specialties.

The 2016 internal medicine residency graduating class matched to many different specialty fellowships at Johns Hopkins University, Mayo Clinic, the University of Michigan, Case Western Reserve, Baylor College, Georgetown University, George Washington University and the University of California.

UT’s internal medicine residents also have shown tremendous dedication to teach

and conduct research. During the past four years, the internal medicine residents have published more than 100 articles in medical journals and made numerous presentations at local and national conferences such as the American College of Physicians, the American College of Gastroenterology, Digestive Diseases Week, American Heart Association and American College of Cardiology.



## IMPORTANT: OPEN ENROLLMENT OCT. 1 – OCT. 31!

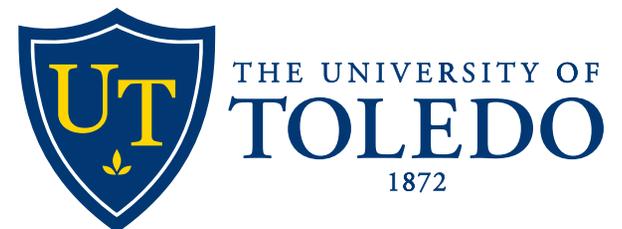
Review the insurance options offered to The University of Toledo employees at [utoledo.edu/depts/hr/benefits](http://utoledo.edu/depts/hr/benefits).

# UT OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2018 BENEFITS

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](http://utoledo.edu/depts/hr/benefits), call 419.530.4747 to make an appointment or email us at [benefits@utoledo.edu](mailto:benefits@utoledo.edu).



## Getting the scoop



Dr. Susan Rice, professor of nursing, left, talked with Amy Fleck, director of outreach development with the UT Physicians, at a benefits fair last week on the Morse Center Basketball Court on Health Science Campus. Human Resources and Talent Development also held a benefits fair last week on Main Campus. Both events featured vendors from medical, vision, dental, retirement, financial planning and University services.

Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

## Staff Leadership Development forms due Oct. 2

As a reminder, all applications and nominations for the new UT Staff Leadership Development program are due by 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2.

Based on staff and faculty feedback received during the strategic planning process, the one-year program has been designed to develop emerging, high-potential leaders to help them grow in their existing positions at the University and later assume expanded leadership roles. Eligible staff members must have at least two years of employment with UT.

“Participants will be required to attend two to three hours of course work per month, except during July and August when they will have summer reading assignments,” said Wendy Davis, associate

vice president and chief human resources officer. “They also will need to complete a capstone project by October 2018.”

Up to 20 participants will be selected to participate in the Staff Leadership Development program for 2017-2018. Interested staff members should complete an application form, while deans, vice presidents and other senior leaders may recommend an emerging leader to participate by submitting a nomination form. Both forms and additional information are available at [utoledo.edu/depts/hr/leadership-development](http://utoledo.edu/depts/hr/leadership-development).

A multidisciplinary selection committee will review all forms, and cohorts selected to participate will be notified by Tuesday, Oct. 17.

## Satellites to hold \$6 sale this week

The Satellites Auxiliary’s \$6 sale will take place Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 27-29, in UT Medical Center’s Four Seasons Bistro Atrium.

Check out a wide variety of items that will be for sale for \$6: rings, watches, bracelets, scarves, ties, sunglasses, belts, earrings, cuff links, purses, wallets, totes, reading glasses, pendants, chains and more.

The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

Cash, check, credit cards and payroll deduction will be accepted.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit scholarships.

The Satellites Auxiliary is a volunteer group designed to promote education, research and service programs; provide support of patient programs in accordance with the needs and approval of administration; conduct fundraising events; and provide services.

For more information on the sale, contact Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites, at [lynn.brand@utoledo.edu](mailto:lynn.brand@utoledo.edu).



## Pitching in



To help victims of Hurricane Harvey, UT Medical Center’s cardiovascular and radiology units teamed up and over 10 days gathered 793 pounds of donations, including baby gear, nonperishable food items and adult hygiene products, which were donated to Impact With Hope in Waterville.

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## In memoriam

Carol A. (Wozniak) Modlin, Toledo, a former secretary at the University, died Sept. 15 at age 78.

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# ‘100 Years of Toledo Football’ on sale at UT Athletic Ticket Office, online

By Paul Helgren

A commemorative history of Toledo Rocket football is on sale.

Published by The Blade, “100 Years of Toledo Football” can be purchased for \$24.95 at the UT Athletic Ticket Office in Savage Arena or at the Glass Bowl on game day.

The book also will be available for purchase at The Blade, 541 North Superior St., or online at UTRockets.com and thebladevault.com/books.

The book features stories and photos from the past 100 years of Rocket football, from the founding of the program in 1917, right up to last season.

Included in the book is the Toledo Football All-Century Team, a collection of the greatest 50 players in UT history, as well as a list of the school’s 10 greatest victories of all time.

“I know our fans will really enjoy this book,” said UT Vice President and Athletic Director

Mike O’Brien. “This will be a collector’s item that every Rocket football fan will want to have. We would like to thank The Toledo Blade for helping us celebrate 100 years of football at our University by publishing this outstanding commemorative book.”

“Many exciting moments are highlighted in this look at 100 years of great college football,” said Kurt Franck, executive vice president, interim general manager and executive editor at The Blade. “The Blade sports department was there from the very first season, so it seemed a perfect fit for us to work with the University to share some of the great stories from over the years.”

UT celebrated its 100-year anniversary of Rocket football at the Tulsa game Sept. 16. It was a fitting tribute as Toledo won the thriller, 54-51, on a walk-off field goal in front of 24,239 happy fans in the Glass Bowl.



## UT Night at Comerica Park



Photo by Brian DeBenedictis



Photo by Kevin Taylor

Women’s Basketball Coach Tricia Cullop, seen here on the video board, threw out the ceremonial first pitch before the Detroit Tigers’ game against the Minnesota Twins last week as part of UT Night at Comerica Park.

Together again! Rocky and Rocks mugged for the camera with their friend, Paws, on the field prior to the game Sept. 21 at UT Night at Comerica Park.