

## Canaday Center preserves Toledo's first city charter

A small envelope tucked away in a safe in the attic of Toledo's Safety Building downtown was labeled with a handwritten note reading, "Charter of the City of Toledo Year 1837."

The fragile pieces of paper inside, which had been carefully folded and stored by city employees at some point in history, document the original charter and bylaws of the city of Toledo printed in 1837, the year the city was founded.

"It is unusual for such historically significant documents as the city's first charter to be squirreled away like that in the attic of a city building," said Barbara Floyd, director of the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections at The University of Toledo. "But the fact that they still exist 180 years later indicates that storing them in the attic ensured their survival."

The charter document that includes numerous amendments — some written directly on the charter, another written out in longhand and attached to the back of the document — is now permanently

preserved in the Canaday Center in UT's Carlson Library, where it will be housed in a temperature and humidity controlled environment and available for public viewing.

The University will present these historic documents to the public at an event Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 10 a.m. in the Canaday Center with UT President Sharon L. Gaber, Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson and elected city officials.

In addition to the original charter that features the signature of Toledo's first mayor John Berdan, the safe contained a poll book for the year 1836 with a handwritten list of the 226 individuals living in the township of Port Lawrence who were eligible to vote in the city's first election. It was dated Oct. 11, 1836, and contains the names of many of the most important people in the history of the city, including Benjamin Stickney and Stickney's son, Two Stickney.



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

**UNCOVERING HISTORY:** The "Charter of the City of Toledo Year 1837" was discovered in a safe in the attic of Toledo's Safety Building. The document from the year the city was founded is now preserved in the Canaday Center for Special Collections.

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## University to debut new veterans lounge named for alumnus

By Christine Billau

The University of Toledo will commemorate the opening of its new veterans lounge with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday, Sept. 15, at 3 p.m. on the second floor of Carlson Library.



Orlowski

The Lt. Col. Thomas J. Orlowski '65 Veterans Lounge offers student veterans a place to relax, study and enjoy the

camaraderie they experienced while serving their country.

The University's veterans lounge was previously located in Rocket Hall. The new lounge named in honor of Orlowski, a UT graduate, was part of the recent \$6 million renovation project to the library made possible by state biennium capital funds.

"Our student-veterans were interested in a more centrally located space, and in this academic setting they also will have better access to library resources for research and homework with longer hours to take advantage of the lounge," said Navy Reserve Lt. Haraz Ghanbari, UT director of military and veteran affairs.

A \$20,000 donation from the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes supported the creation of the new lounge, which is larger with a separate social area and private study section.

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# UT launches initiative to enhance community engagement

By Meghan Cunningham

As a recognized leader in community engagement, The University of Toledo is launching a new initiative to better document and promote how its many partnerships impact the community and find additional strategic opportunities for faculty, staff and students to collaborate with local partners.

As part of the University's recently approved strategic plan, UT set a goal to improve ties at the local and regional levels. In response, the Office of Government Relations has been tasked to lead the University's community engagement efforts.

UT has been recognized as a leader in community engagement by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the American Public & Land Grant Universities (APLU). In 2015, UT became one of the 240 U.S. colleges and universities to receive the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification. And in 2013, UT received the APLU's designation as an Innovation and Economic Prosperity University in recognition of its leadership in promoting regional economic development.

Margie Traband, director of strategic initiatives who will lead the community engagement initiative, managed the application process that led to UT receiving

both of these prestigious recognitions. She also brings national understanding of community engagement to this initiative as a member of the executive committee of the APLU's Commission on Innovation, Competitiveness and Economic Prosperity.

"UT has long been committed to engaging our community in mutually beneficial partnerships to strengthen our region, and this initiative will help us count, connect and communicate those efforts," Traband said.

The initiative aims to measure UT's impact on the community through collecting and curating data, promoting strategic collaborations with appropriate UT contacts, and communicating how UT's faculty, staff and students impact the community. Those efforts will highlight how UT enhances



the community and region through many diverse programs, services and activities that influence talent development, innovation and contribute to making this a vibrant area.

"UT's faculty, staff and students make impactful contributions to our community every day. I am excited about this initiative to highlight these contributions and recognize the good work that makes UT such a vital community partner," UT President Sharon L. Gaber said.

The new community engagement website, [utoledo.edu/engagement](http://utoledo.edu/engagement), will serve as a resource for UT faculty, staff and students interested in becoming more engaged in their areas of interest and also for community members to seek collaborators. In addition, it provides opportunities to learn more about UT's current community activities.

For additional information about the community engagement initiative, email [engagement@utoledo.edu](mailto:engagement@utoledo.edu) or call 419.530.6056.

## Giving assistance



Photo by Rachel Nearhoof

Antoine Lockett gave a donation to support University of Houston students affected by Hurricane Harvey. Funds were collected last week at tables outside the Thompson Student Union. "Every little bit counts," said Kayann Carlson, graduate assistant for the Office of the Dean of Students, who organized the fundraising event. Through Thursday, \$423.20 had been collected, according to Carlson.

## Helping in Houston



Dr. John Laux, professor of counselor education and associate dean of student affairs in the UT College of Health and Human Services, and Katie Bush, a nurse at UT Medical Center, are on the ground in Houston providing medical care to victims of Hurricane Harvey. They were deployed as members of the Ohio I Disaster Medical Assistance Team of the National Disaster Medical System through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## UT ranked Ohio's best four-year college

By Christine Billau

The University of Toledo is the best four-year college in Ohio in a new ranking that focuses on affordability, flexibility and student services.

Schools.com, an online source for education information, compiled the list using data from the National Center for Education Statistics to evaluate colleges and universities across the state.

"It's an honor to be recognized as the best school in the state for our success serving students with a high-quality education at an exceptional value. No matter what you want to study, you can find it here," UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. "We are committed to helping students succeed."

According to Schools.com, UT is No. 1 because the University "emerged from our analysis as the best one overall and also one of the best online colleges in Ohio. The University of Toledo ranked No. 2 in the state for its number of degrees offered via distance education — 46 of them, to be precise — and reported a healthy 36 percent of students enrolled in at least some online course work. One of the larger schools on our list, UT also provided its students with a No. 4-ranked selection of degrees available on campus."



Schools.com listed financial aid as a "bright spot" for UT. According to the organization, "Only three other schools in the state provided their students with a greater proportion of institutional grant aid relative to average tuition and fees costs than UT."

The average debt of graduates also was a factor. A recent analysis of student loan debt by LendEDU revealed UT graduates have the lowest student loan debt among the state's public colleges. The average student loan debt per borrower for UT's class of 2016 was \$24,437, which ranks the University the best among Ohio's public colleges and universities.

## New UT portal to connect techies, creators in NW Ohio

The Toledo Technology and Talent portal at TnewTech.com showcases technology being developed in northwest Ohio.

Social media features on the site include technology news posts, an online community, discussion groups, file sharing, and a directory of techies, tech startups and tech talent.

Beta testing is underway. UT students, faculty and staff, as well as area techies, tech startups, and those interested in technology, business, entrepreneurialism or economic development are encouraged to participate in the soft launch by visiting

the portal, creating a profile, introducing themselves, and posting on topics of interest.

The public launch is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 5:30 p.m. at a TnewTech event at The University of Toledo Launchpad Incubator.

The portal was developed as a UT master's degree capstone project.

"This will further The University of Toledo's Launchpad Incubator mission to encourage technology, entrepreneurship and economic development in the northwest Ohio region," UT graduate student Lonny Dugan, said.



## Naturalization ceremony set for Sept. 18 at University

By Ashley Diel

The University of Toledo will celebrate Constitution Day with the swearing in of 80 people as U.S. citizens at a naturalization ceremony Monday, Sept. 18, at 11 a.m. in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey J. Helmick of the Northern District of Ohio will preside over the ceremony.

Established in 2004, Constitution Day recognizes the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. All educational institutions that receive federal funds hold events to recognize the day.

Immigrants, who are 18 and older, are eligible to become a U.S. citizen and qualify for naturalization after being a permanent resident for a minimum of five years. Those married to a U.S. citizen and meet all the other eligibility requirements can apply after being a permanent resident for a minimum of three years.

"Students, faculty and staff should plan to attend this very moving ceremony celebrating citizenship," said Diane Miller, associate vice president for government relations. "At naturalization ceremonies, the new citizens will be giving up citizenship of their homeland and choosing to become American citizens. It's a great celebration and a reminder of the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States."

Grisoranyel Barrios, a fourth-year political science and social work student who moved to Toledo from Venezuela in 2002, will open the court, and Kyle Zapadka, a sophomore majoring in finance and accounting who is speaker of the senate for Student Government, will close the court.

Dr. Andrew Hsu, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, and Benjamin Barros, dean of the College of Law, will give welcoming remarks at the ceremony.

Agnieszka McPeak, associate professor of law, will be the featured speaker for the event. Zachary R. Boyer, a UT junior studying political science and philosophy, also will speak.

Student Government President Jimmy Russell will lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and Melaney Goosby will recite the New Colossus.

Under the direction of Dr. Brad Pierson, UT assistant professor and director of choral activities in the Music Department, the UT Concert Chorale will perform "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The free, public event is sponsored by the Office of Government Relations and the Center for International Studies and Programs.



## Toledo's first city charter

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“These would have been the individuals who voted in the election for Toledo’s first mayor,” Floyd said.

The collection of historic city records also includes several other iterations of the charter from the 19th century — folders of handwritten amendments from 1845 and 1851, and a complete charter from 1846 that bears the certifying signature of Ohio Secretary of State Samuel Galloway from back when city charters had to be approved by the state legislature.

The city records also document some details of the history of The University of Toledo. One handwritten piece dated 1874 concerns an effort by the trustees of the Toledo University of Arts and Trades, which had been founded by Jesup W. Scott two years before, to give the assets of the University to the city of Toledo after Scott’s death. That did not happen, and the University closed four years later. In 1884, what remained of the University’s assets was turned over to Toledo, and the school reopened as a municipal school that year, which it would remain until 1967.

The collection also contains a ballot and certified election results for the bond issue approved by voters in November

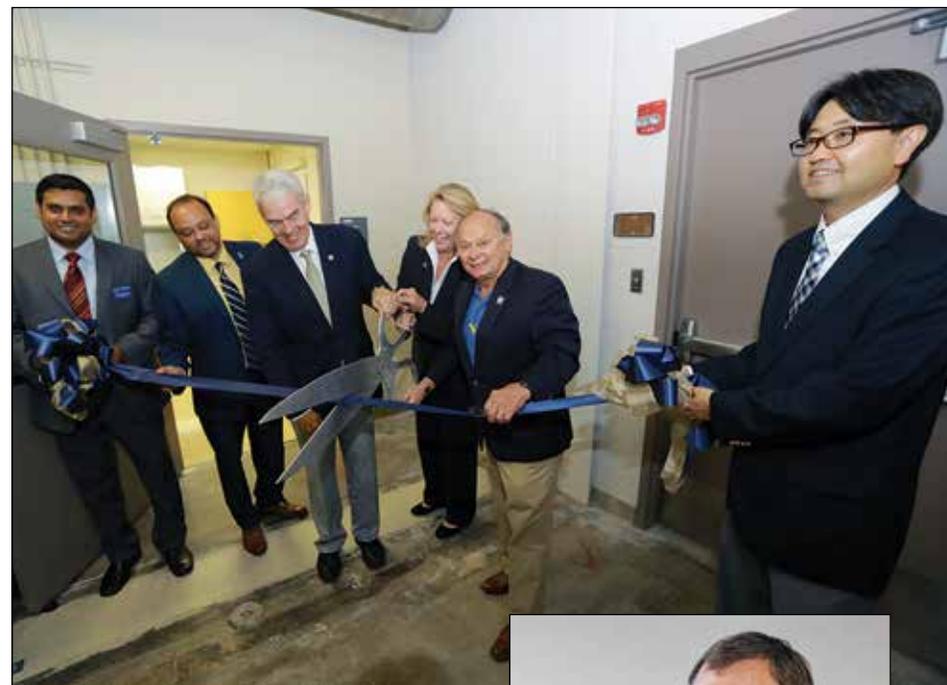
1928 that raised \$2.8 million to build UT’s Bancroft Street campus.

The newest records found earlier this year in the Safety Building were added to existing local historical documents the Canaday Center acquired two years ago; these include the first minute book of Toledo City Council from 1837, records of Toledo’s city manager dating from 1947, and a large collection of annual reports from city departments, dating from the 1890s.

“I have been an archivist for 35 years and have helped to preserve some great collections,” said Floyd, who will retire from her position as director of the Canaday Center and university archivist at the end of September. “But these materials that document the city of Toledo are some of the most important materials I have ever come across. Ensuring they are preserved and accessible to the public is a highlight of my career.”

Some of the city documents will be on public display in the Canaday Center’s next exhibit, “Preserving Yesterday for Tomorrow: The Best of the Ward M. Canaday Center,” that is slated to open in early November.

## New lab on tap



Photos by Daniel Miller

The big scissors were brought out to mark the official opening of UT’s new Drinking Water Research Laboratory, a resource that will benefit the region. Helping with the honors Sept. 5 were, from left, Dr. Joseph G. Lawrence, UT research professor and director of the Center for Materials and Sensor Characterization; Ed Moore, director of public utilities for the city of Toledo; State Sen. Randy Gardner; UT President Sharon L. Gaber; State Rep. Michael P. Sheehy; and Dr. Youngwoo Seo, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering and chemical engineering. Located in the North Engineering Building, the lab will allow local municipalities to quickly and easily test the safety of the public water supply. At the press event, Dr. Michael Toole, dean of the College of Engineering, noted how the \$500,000 grant from the state of Ohio Community Capital Program provided the state-of-the-art technology and renovations for the laboratory.



## Veterans lounge

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The coalition’s gift was made in recognition of Orlowski, as a UT alumnus and Army veteran, who is the immediate past chairman of the organization’s board.

Orlowski graduated from UT in 1965 with a degree in English literature, and he also was a middle linebacker for the football team. He joined the Army later that year, and his 20-year military career included assignments in the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), HQ U.S. Army Europe, HQ U.S. Continental Army Command and the Office of the Adjutant General of the Army.

For his service in Vietnam, Orlowski was awarded the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star for Valor with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and Air Medal, according to the coalition.

“The lounge will definitely help veteran students academically, but a secondary benefit that people may not realize is the camaraderie of others who have been where you’ve been and done what you’ve done,” Orlowski said.

The ceremony will be followed by an open house and refreshments from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

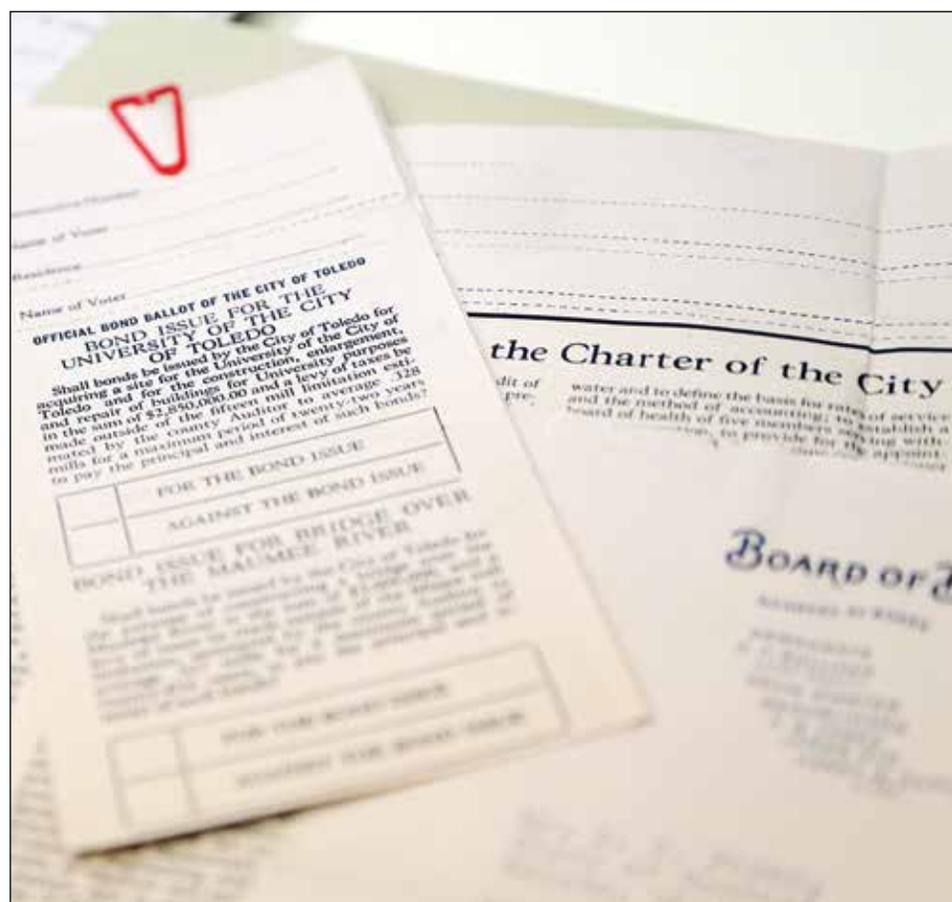


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**MAJORITY RULES:** A 1928 ballot for the UT bond issue was among documents discovered in the attic of the Toledo Safety Building. Voters approved the bond, which raised \$2.8 million to build on what is now UT’s Main Campus.

## Physicists compare drop in power output from UT solar panels during eclipse to cloudy day

By Christine Billau

**W**hile The University of Toledo experienced a solar eclipse last month, the solar panels on Main Campus and Scott Park Campus lost an “effectively inconsequential” amount of power production as the moon obscured as much as 84 percent of sunlight in the middle of the day.

“Much larger deviations result from daily or seasonal weather events,” according to a team from the UT Department of Physics and Astronomy that modeled and analyzed power output during the eclipse Aug. 21.

The solar photovoltaic array at the R1 Building along Dorr Street lost 33.5 kilowatt-hour (kWh), approximately as much electricity as the average single home in the U.S. consumes in one day.

“This is the typical production for a partly to mostly cloudy day,” Dr. Randy Ellingson, UT professor of physics, said.

The solar photovoltaic array on Scott Park Campus, which is 35 times larger than the R1 array on Main Campus and generates approximately 1,300,000 kWh of electrical energy during a typical year, lost approximately 1,170 kWh of electrical energy generation due to the eclipse.

“The eclipse resulted in the loss of less than 0.1 percent of annual production,” Ellingson said.

The UT team, which includes graduate student David Raker, will share its monitoring data with MDA Information Systems LLC, a Maryland company working to provide forecasts to predict the temporary shortfall from solar arrays up to three days in advance to help grid operators make changes to meet electricity needs for customers.

Toledo is in the path of totality for the solar eclipse in 2024.



**SOAKING UP THE SUN:** The solar photovoltaic array on Scott Park Campus lost an “inconsequential” amount of electrical energy generation due to the solar eclipse Aug. 21, according to UT researchers.

## UT seeks Toledoans’ planetarium memories to celebrate 50th anniversary of astronomy program

By Dr. Jillian Bornak

**I** teach astronomy at The University of Toledo, and I’m known as “Prof. B.” My job is part technical and part inspirational. The excitement of the recent, historic solar eclipse touched hearts and sparked the imaginations of generations of families across the country who crowded streets to witness something powerful in the universe.

Here at UT’s Ritter Planetarium and Brooks Observatory, we also are planning to celebrate a major milestone and are in need of the public’s help to share our rich history of education, outreach and celestial exploration. Friday, Oct. 13, will mark the 50th anniversary of the University’s astronomy program, Ritter Planetarium and Brooks Observatory. We’re in search of your stories and memories to better tell our story.

As a child, my first visit to a planetarium involved marveling at one of the old “star ball” projectors, but since then I have enjoyed being transported to black holes and other worlds with increasingly beautiful full-dome movies. These visits certainly had an impact on me, for I went on to earn my doctorate in astronomy.

The Ritter Planetarium and Brooks Observatory are woven into the tapestry of this region. What do you remember from your visit?

In the 1920s, astronomy courses were offered through the Math Department at UT, so Professor Helen Brooks would bring students to her house to look through her personal telescope.

The Ritter facility was dedicated Oct. 13, 1967, with Brooks as the first planetarium director. The Brooks Observatory located in the dome on top of McMaster Hall was later named in honor of Brooks and her late husband, Elgin. 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.

The Ritter facility was deliberately planned to blend research and public education for the University, local schools and the community. 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.

Helen Brooks died in 2011, two years before I came to Toledo. I never had the chance to meet her, but some of you did. I would like to learn more about your experiences. Did you attend any of the special events, such as for Apollo 11 and the impact of the Shoemaker-Levy Comet on Jupiter? Have you taken your family to experience programs in the planetarium or public viewings with telescopes in the observatories?

Additionally, with your permission, I would like to share your stories through a poster presentation at the Astronomy Open House at Ritter Planetarium Thursday, Oct. 26, to show the strong connection this community has for astronomy.

Please send your stories to me via email at [jillian.bornak@utoledo.edu](mailto:jillian.bornak@utoledo.edu) or mail a letter to The University of Toledo Department of Physics and Astronomy at Mail Stop 111, 2801 W. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH 43606.

I look forward to reading your stories. Keep looking up!

*Bornak is an associate lecturer in the Physics and Astronomy Department and chair of the UT Astronomy 50th Anniversary Committee.*



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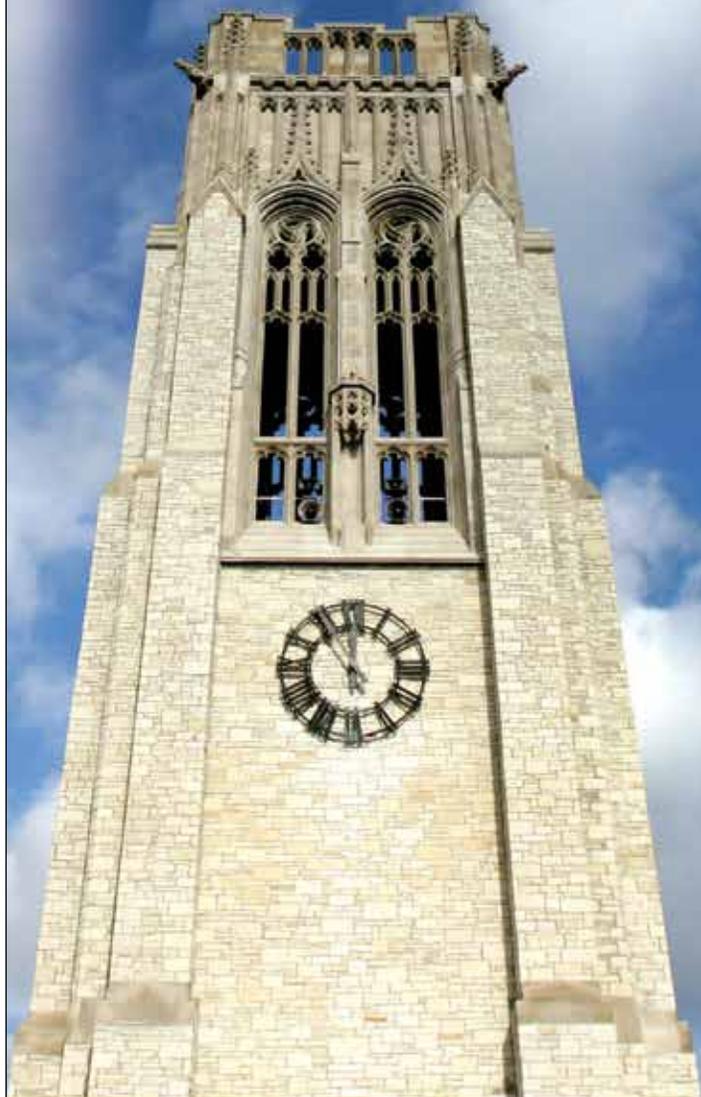


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Combining his compelling life story with a peerless grit to achieve the Latino-American dream, longtime ABC News personality John Quiñones has emerged as one of the most inspiring speakers in world.

A lifetime of "never taking no for an answer" has taken Quiñones from migrant farm work and poverty to more than 30 years at ABC and the anchor desks of "20/20" and "Primetime."

Quiñones delivers a powerful message of believing in one's self, never giving up and doing the right thing. As host and creator of *What Would You Do?*, the highly-rated, hidden camera newsmagazine, Quiñones has become the face of doing the right thing to millions.

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## UT to observe Hispanic Heritage Month

The University of Toledo has planned an array of events in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

“Hispanic Heritage Month offers us the opportunity to explore the rich culture and heritage of Latinos and celebrate their unique contributions, including music, art and cuisine, to our society,” Dr. Michele Soliz, assistant vice president for student success and inclusion.

One of the highlights of the month will be a talk by John Quiñones, ABC News veteran and host of “What Would You Do?” He will speak Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. in Doermann Theater.

“We are thrilled to be able to host John Quiñones, who will share his story of overcoming many barriers to eventually graduate college and become one of the country’s most recognized news correspondents,” Soliz said.

Quiñones’ appearance is part of the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series. Tickets are free and available through the Office of Multicultural Student Success at [omss@utoledo.edu](mailto:omss@utoledo.edu) and the Honors College at [honors@utoledo.edu](mailto:honors@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.5030.

Listed by date, Hispanic Heritage Month events facilitated through the Office of Multicultural Student Success and the Latino Student Union include:

- Thursday, Sept. 14 — Diamante Awards, 6 to 9 p.m., Wolfe Center for the Arts at Bowling Green State University. Awards for Latino leadership and achievements in northwest Ohio will be presented at this event, which is co-sponsored by UT, BGSU, Lourdes University, Owens Community College and Herzing University. Tickets are \$75 for the public and \$25 for students in advance at [diamantetoledo.org](http://diamantetoledo.org) and will be \$80 and \$30, respectively, at the door.
- Tuesday, Sept. 19 — Salsa on the Steps, noon to 2 p.m., steps in front of the Thompson Student Union. Stop by for free food and to learn salsa dancing.
- Monday, Sept. 25 — Latino Meet-and-Greet, 6:45 p.m., Thompson Student Union Room 2592. Join students, faculty, staff and UT graduates at this event sponsored by the UT Latino Alumni Affiliate.
- Wednesday, Oct. 4 — Film Screening, “Selena,” 7 p.m. Thompson Student Union Trimble Lounge.

For more information and a complete list of events, go to [utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss](http://utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss).

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# College of Business and Innovation arranges for special price Cedar Point tickets Sept. 23-24

By Bob Mackowiak

The University of Toledo community can visit one of this region's unique fall attractions at a special price thanks to a partnership between the UT College of Business and Innovation and Cedar Point.

"The UT College of Business and Innovation Graduate Programs has wonderful relationships with many corporations, businesses and organizations in this region," said Kelly Barger, director of the college graduate programs office, "and because of our many friends and contacts, we were able to negotiate a special ticket price for Cedar Point admission during one of their very popular Halloweekends, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24."

This offer enables people to purchase a ticket for \$35, plus tax, through the Cedar Point website, [cedarpoint.com/affiliate](http://cedarpoint.com/affiliate), using the username UTCOBI and the password utcobi.

Explaining this is not a paid sponsorship or subsidized ticket program, Barger added, "Working with Cedar Point through this promotion enables us to tell even more people about the amazing educational opportunities for graduate studies at The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation, while arranging for the UT community, and others who learn of this promotion through us, to enjoy the Halloweenish activities at one of northwest Ohio's most recognized attractions."



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# Alumnus looks to inspire by sharing his story

Jacob Spellis shares his story to give others hope.

“I was a high school dropout and spent much of my teenage years walking around Toledo’s east side using and selling drugs. My addiction left me isolated and homeless,” Spellis said. “Every day I woke up and said, ‘Man I don’t want to do this anymore,’ but the addiction just hijacks you and all of your pleasure-seeking abilities; it is like experiencing the best and worst feelings at the same time.

“For seven years, this cycle continued, and my mother expected to see me die from my addiction.”

Then a drug trafficking conviction changed his life. Behind bars for nine months, he began to turn things around.

“I acquired my GED from the Lucas County Correctional Treatment Facility, and I had a vision to revamp and reform the criminal justice system,” Spellis said. “In order to do this, I knew that I needed to further my education, and The University of Toledo was there every step of the way.”

With the help of campus support groups and tutors, he was able to get ready for college-level classes — and succeed. He graduated in 2015 with a bachelor’s degree in social work.

While pursuing a master’s degree at the University of Michigan, Spellis worked as a graduate assistant in the UT College of Health and Human Services’ Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute.

All along the way, he helped others. “I began speaking to individuals in treatment centers, jails, schools and colleges, which led to my desire to help people reach their full potential,” Spellis said. “As a reformed convicted felon, I advocate for social justice and for other returning citizens in my community. My goal is to revamp the criminal justice system and address disparities within different cultures and communities.

“Social work is a career for most, but a lifestyle to me. On a daily basis, I assist individuals with mental illness, legal issues and substance use disorders to work toward healthy adequate lifestyles.”

After receiving a master’s degree in social work from UM in 2016, Spellis started More Than a Statistic Academy, a nonprofit re-entry coalition in northwest Ohio that helps convicted felons find jobs and those suffering from substance abuse obtain stability and long-term recovery.

He also published his book, “More Than a Statistic: Stop Being Average,” last year. He signed copies Aug. 31 at the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore at the Gateway.



Photo by Daniel Miller

MAN ON A MOTIVATIONAL MISSION: UT alumnus Jacob Spellis signed a copy of his book, “More Than a Statistic: Stop Being Average,” for Greg Walker at the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore at the Gateway.

“My life is much different from when I was buried in my addiction. I have a beautiful wife, daughter and son,” Spellis said. “I

now have over five years of experience in motivational speaking and am passionate about community development.”

# Donate banned books to support freedom of reading

By Ashley Diel

Support your right to read, speak, think and create freely by donating books for The University of Toledo’s Banned Books Vigil.

Every year, certain books are banned in schools and libraries, and some of these are considered classics — “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz,” “The Great Gatsby” and “1984.”

The banned book vigil will return for its 20th year Thursday, Sept. 28, on the fifth floor of Carlson Library. Every half hour, attendees will have the opportunity to win banned books, as well as other door prizes.

“Donating books gives us a chance to show our respect for and belief in the right to write and think freely,” said Dr. Paulette D. Kilmer, UT professor of communication and founder of the vigil. “This is a way for us

to express our belief in the First Amendment, in democracy, and in reading.”

Kilmer hopes to give away at least 200 books at the vigil.

“This event is a fun way to circulate these books that have been challenged or banned,” Kilmer said. “To me, one of the most important things that we can do is increase the readership of these books that someone has tried to restrict.”

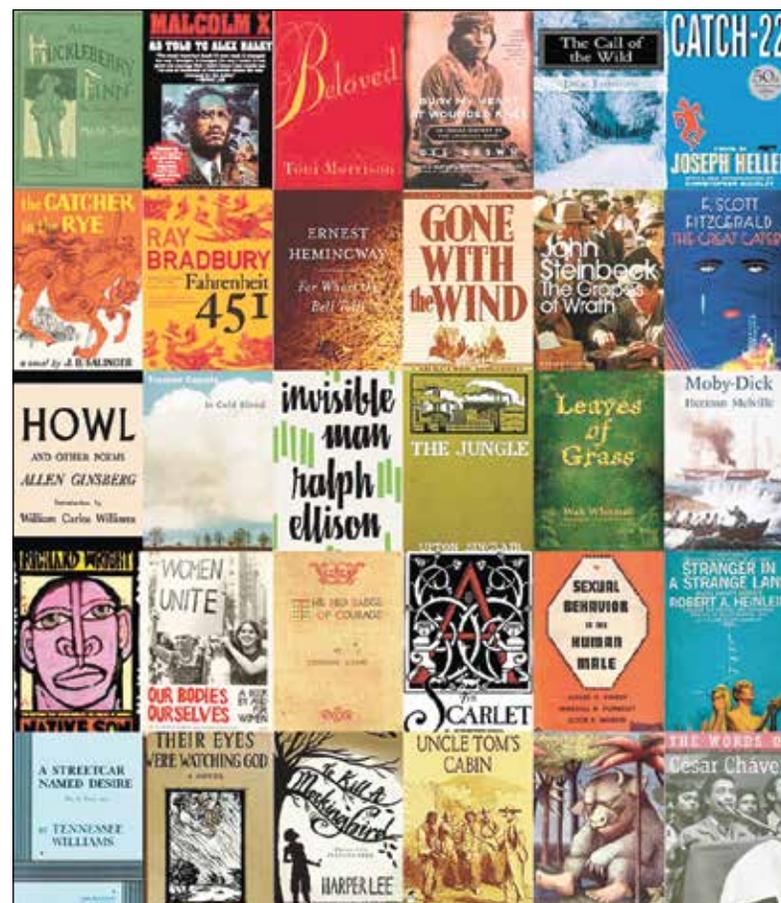
A list of banned books is available on the American Library Association’s website at ala.org.

Books for the vigil may be purchased at Barnes & Noble University Bookstore, or contact Colleen Strayer at 419.530.2516 or toledo@bkstore.edu by 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18. Cash donations also are welcome.

For more information, contact Kilmer at paulette.kilmer@utoledo.edu.



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## UT Family Shopping Day at Costco Sept. 17

The University of Toledo Office of Student Involvement and Leadership is hosting a UT Family Shopping Day at Costco as part of Family Weekend.

All UT students, faculty, staff and alumni are invited to shop at Costco, 3405 W. Central Ave., Sunday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A UT social gathering with light refreshments will take place in the store from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shopping passes also will be accepted at the Perrysburg Costco, 26400 Dixie Highway.

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership seeks to build community and is committed to providing students with opportunities for involvement that will enhance and complement their UT experience.

Donovan Nichols, assistant dean for student involvement and leadership, said, "We are always looking for inexpensive, collaborative programming for the UT family — students, faculty, staff and alumni."

During this event, no Costco membership will be needed to enter as long as you have a Costco UT Family Day Shopping Pass or UT ID.

"We are excited to host this great event for a second year as the first year was a major success. We truly enjoy our wonderful partnership with Costco and look forward to another Sunday fun day where the entire UT family can shop, socialize and enjoy some refreshments," Nichols said.

"Our UT family will be able to shop for great items at low costs, purchase nice UT apparel, and enjoy a fun UT-spirited reception," Nichols said. "In addition, students are invited to drop off their resumés at Costco to potentially gain employment with a high-quality company. It's a win for everyone."

This event is part of the University's Family Weekend, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 15-17. More information about Family Weekend can be found at [utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/osi/familyweekend](http://utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/osi/familyweekend).



Members and families of  
**The University of Toledo**  
are invited to a  
**SPECIAL EVENT!**

**Sunday, September 17, 2017**  
**10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

**Refreshments 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

*Students, bring your resume if you are interested in Costco employment*

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For more information and application instructions, call 419.530.2261 or visit: [utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss](http://utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss).



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## Former women's basketball star signs pro contract in Great Britain

By Brian DeBenedictis

Former Toledo women's basketball player Janice Monakana has signed a professional contract to play for the Nottingham Wildcats in her home country of Great Britain.

The Wildcats announced the roster move Aug. 29 as they look to mount a challenge for their third straight Women's British Basketball League (WBBL) title.

Monakana becomes the sixth UT women's basketball player to play professionally under three-time Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year Tricia Cullop, joining Melissa Goodall (Italy and Spain), Naama Shafir (Israel), Andola Dortch (Belarus), Inma Zanoguera (Italy) and most recently Brenae Harris (Spain) on that list.

"I'm truly ecstatic to have Janice on board with us as we prepare for this tough season ahead," said Nottingham Head Coach Dave Greenaway in a statement on the team's official website. "Janice has the capability to make big plays and will be a factor in us achieving any success. Her college career was littered with honors, and she captained her side to winning the MAC Tournament."

The Women's British Basketball League is an initiative between the British Basketball League, Basketball England and the top 10 women's clubs in Great Britain. It is the top-level women's basketball league in the United Kingdom.

This past year, Monakana averaged 12.1 points, 6.0 rebounds, 0.9 assists and 1.4 steals in 25.5 minutes per game. The 2016-17 second-team All-MAC honoree ranked seventh in the league in free-throw percentage (.785, 106 of 135), 20th in overall rebounding and 21st in scoring.

Monakana led Toledo to the fifth most wins in program history in 2016-17 with a mark of 25-9 that included a MAC Championship and an appearance in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament for the first time since 2001.

A two-time all-conference performer, Monakana wrapped up her UT career ninth in school history in free-throw percentage (.777, 313 of 403), 10th in free throws made (313) and 16th in scoring (1,172 points).



Monakana

"Nottingham is a team I've always admired and respected, so I'm excited for the opportunity to bring my talents to them and also the Women's British Basketball League," said Monakana in a statement on the team's official website. "I'm looking

forward to the season starting and will bring competitiveness, explosive play, and versatility on the offensive and defensive end, as well as experience and adding depth."

## UT Night at Comerica Park Sept. 21

Join students, faculty, staff, alumni and Rocket fans at The University of Toledo Night at Comerica Park and watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Minnesota Twins Thursday, Sept. 21, at 7:10 p.m.

UT will have special recognition, including the ceremonial first pitch, national anthem performance, and an appearance by Rocky and Rocksy.

The special ticket package includes:

- Game ticket;
- Exclusive Detroit Tigers/UT limited edition hat; and
- \$5 donation to the UT General Scholarship Fund.

Tickets ranging from \$20 to \$38 are available for purchase at [tigers.com/ut](http://tigers.com/ut).

# UT alumnus takes third place at international conducting competition

By Angela Riddell

**J**uan Montoya of Columbia won third place in the prestigious Blue Danube International Opera Conducting Competition in Bulgaria in July.

Montoya graduated from UT in 2009 with dual master of music degrees in piano performance and orchestral conducting under the tutelage of Dr. Michael Boyd, Dr. Lee Heritage, Dr. Jason Stumbo and Rico McNeela.

The conducting contest is held every two years, and the competition is fierce, as the prizes are coveted conducting jobs in Europe. Conductors from all over the world apply to compete, but only about 30 are awarded competition slots. Out of that number, 12 are chosen for the semifinals and four for the finals.

At the close of the competition, the top three winners shared the conducting of a staged, full length performance of “Madama Butterfly.”

The other winners were, in first place, Chris McCracken of the United Kingdom, and second place, Nobuaki Nakata of Japan.

As one of the winners, Montoya will have several professional engagements with different opera houses around the world. Confirmed engagements so far include concerts in Romania, Serbia, Egypt and Hungary, with more to be scheduled in the coming months.

Montoya is also the recipient of two other international recognitions. He was awarded the golden baton for first place in the Concurso Internacional de Direccion 3.0 with the National Symphony Orchestra of Paraguay in 2016. He also received the jury special mention at the second edition Black Sea International Conducting Competition in Constanta, Romania, in 2016.

While working on his master of music degree at UT, Montoya studied with Stumbo, chair of the Music Department and director of bands.

“As his conducting professor, I kept him busy with score study and provided him opportunities to conduct and lead several chamber and large ensemble performances. He was always eager and prepared,” Stumbo said. “I’m not surprised to see him achieving at an international level, and I look forward to following what will surely be an incredibly successful career.”

Montoya also studied music composition with Heritage, associate professor of music.



**DOWN TIME:** Juan Montoya took a break during a rehearsal.

“Although conducting has been the focus of Juan’s career, he is also a gifted composer. He wrote pieces during his student days at UT that were beautiful ... they were so good that they were published professionally,” Heritage said. “During his last year at UT, his piano and composing skills came together when he wrote a concerto for piano and orchestra that won our concerto competition, and then he played it with the orchestra. Juan is truly a gifted musician.”

Soon after leaving UT, Montoya lived in Malaysia, where he conducted orchestras, including the Bentley Repertoire Symphony Orchestra. He also served as a music lecturer at Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia’s largest public university, and was the music director for its symphony orchestra. He was also assistant conductor for the Malaysian Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, among others, and was the music director of the Encounters Training Ensemble, both of which are housed in the Dewan Philharmonic Petronas in the Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur.

He also worked with the Malaysian Ministry of Education, training several high school symphonic bands throughout the

country, work that has taken him to several cities of this South East Asian country. His most recent performance in his native country of Colombia was as a guest conductor with the Universidad EAFIT Symphony Orchestra in 2013.

Montoya is pursuing a doctoral degree in orchestral conducting and opera under the guidance of Thomas Cockrell at the University of Arizona, where he is the music director of the UA Philharmonic Orchestra and the assistant conductor for the Arizona Symphony Orchestra.

Additionally, he is the principal guest conductor of the newly founded Kuala Lumpur City Opera in Malaysia.



**SCORE!** Juan Montoya, right, posed for a photo with the other winners of the Blue Danube International Opera Conducting Competition, Nobuaki Nakata, left, who came in second, and Chris McCracken, who came in first place. Montoya took third place.

## Math lectures slated for this week

Dr. Miroslav Engliš of the Mathematics Institute at the Czech Academy of Sciences in Prague, will visit campus for the Shoemaker Lecture Series, which will take place Monday through Wednesday, Sept. 11-13.



Engliš

Each talk will begin at 4 p.m.

Engliš' first lecture, "An Excursion Into Berezin-Toeplitz Quantization and Related Topics," will be held Monday, Sept. 11, in Gillham Hall Room 5300.

"This talk will discuss an elegant quantization procedure that is based on methods from analysis of several complex variables," he said. "Further highlights will include connections to Lie group representations or related developments for harmonic functions."

The second lecture titled "Arveson-Douglas Conjecture and Toeplitz Operators" will take place Tuesday, Sept. 12, in Memorial Field House Room 1270.

"A basic problem in multivariable operator theory is finding appropriate models for tuples of operators. For the case of commuting tuples, this is resolved by a nice theory developed by William Arveson, and the question of the size of the commutators of the model operators with their adjoints is the subject of the Arveson-Douglas conjecture," Engliš said. "Though the latter is still open in full generality at the moment, we give a proof of the conjecture in a special case, using methods verging on microlocal analysis and complex analysis of several variables."

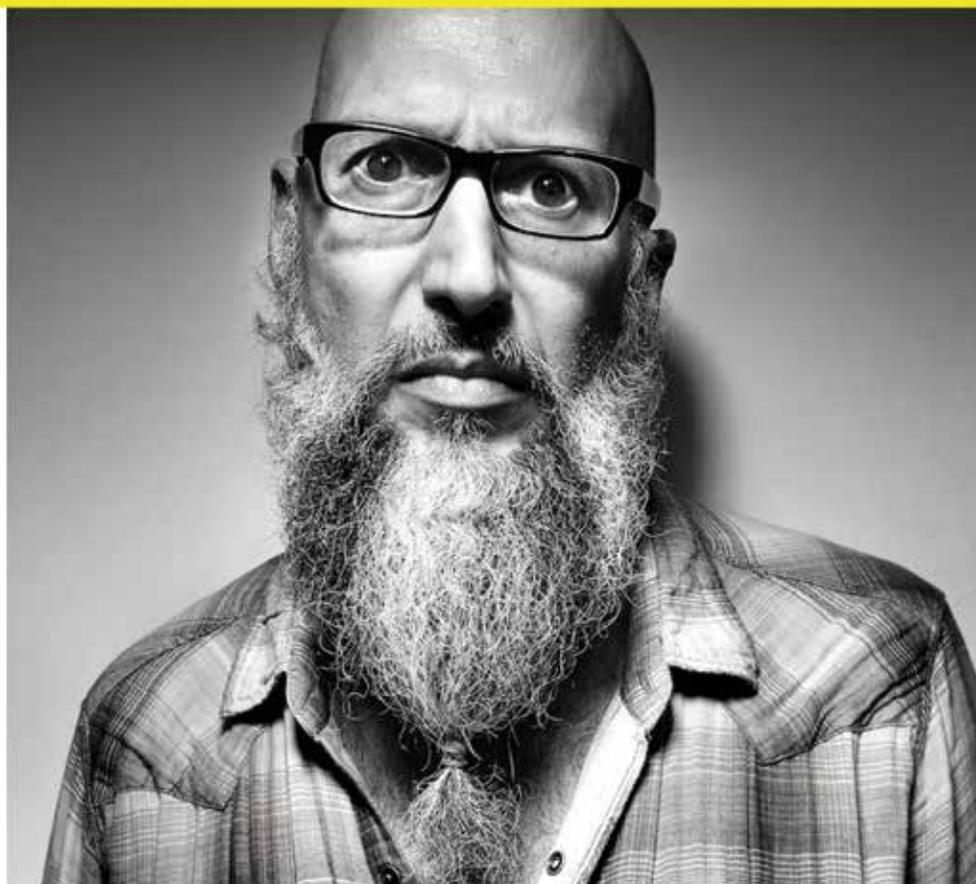
The final lecture on "Reproducing Kernels and Distinguished Metrics" will be held Wednesday, Sept. 13, in Gillham Hall Room 5300.

"I will discuss the questions of existence and uniqueness of balanced metrics on noncompact complex domains, where some answers are yet unknown nowadays even for the simplest case of the unit disc," Engliš said.

His free, public talks are made possible by the Richard Shoemaker Funds and are sponsored by the Mathematics and Statistics Department, as well as the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

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

## Once Upon a Place



## Coffee Talk with the Artist Aman Mojadidi

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 2017, 11 AM - 12:30 PM CL 1005



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# UT football muscles into top 10 Poster Swag contest

Rocket Nation united and helped propel The University of Toledo 2017 football schedule poster into the top 10 in a contest held by posterswag.com.

The UT poster ranked No. 7 in the country, according to Poster Swag, which received more than 2 million Twitter impressions and 23,000 votes.

Derek Marckel, assistant director of creative services in Athletics, designed the poster for the Rockets.

East Carolina took the top spot in the contest, followed by Michigan, Purdue, Penn State, Miami and Louisiana State University.

Rounding out the top 10 after Toledo were Oklahoma, Iowa and Iowa State.

Check out the other posters at [sportposterswag.wordpress.com/2017/09/05/posterswag-com-2017-fbs-football-schedule-poster-social-vote-results](http://sportposterswag.wordpress.com/2017/09/05/posterswag-com-2017-fbs-football-schedule-poster-social-vote-results).

**TOLEDO FOOTBALL**  
2017 SCHEDULE

<b>E</b>	ELON PRIDE AUGUST 31 TOLEDO, OH 7:00 P.M. Spring Night
<b>NEVADA</b>	NEVADA WOLF PACK SEPTEMBER 9 DALLAS, TX 1:00 P.M.
<b>Tulsa</b>	TULSA GOLDEN HORNETS SEPTEMBER 16 TOLEDO, OH 7:00 P.M. 100 Year Celebration
<b>U</b>	UNIVERSITY OF UTAH SEPTEMBER 29 COURT HOUSE, UT 1:00 P.M.
<b>E</b>	EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES OCTOBER 7 TOLEDO, OH 7:00 P.M. Homecoming
<b>U</b>	UNIVERSITY OF UTAH OCTOBER 14 MOUNT PLEASANT, UT 1:00 P.M.
<b>Z</b>	AKRON ZIPS OCTOBER 21 TOLEDO, OH 7:00 P.M. Dearly Beloved Game
<b>W</b>	WISCONSIN BADGERS OCTOBER 28 TORONTO, ON 1:00 P.M.
<b>NIU</b>	NORTHERN ILLINOIS HORNETS NOVEMBER 2 TOLEDO, OH 6:00 P.M.
<b>WVU</b>	WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAIN CATS NOVEMBER 8 DALLAS, TX 1:00 P.M.
<b>BYU</b>	BRYAN YOUNG FOOTBALL CLUB NOVEMBER 15 DALLAS, TX 1:00 P.M.
<b>WMU</b>	WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS NOVEMBER 24 TOLEDO, OH 7:00 P.M.
<b>MAC</b>	MAC BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP DECEMBER 2 SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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\*Mid-American Conference Game  
\*First Division Champion vs. East Division Champion  
\*Hosted by the Rockets on the Rocket Sports Ball Network, 8:00P.M. ET/PT  
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