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Student Observer Program Call for Nominations for Student Observers

In July 2013 Dr. Scott Scarborough made a commitment to the professional development of faculty at The University of Toledo by unveiling the new University Teaching Center (UTC). As part of that commitment, the UTC is honored to be able to offer the Student Observer Program. Since its inception in 1995, the program remains committed to assisting faculty in the development and/or improvement of their teaching. The Student Observer Program is a professional development service offered to faculty during which a student observer is assigned to a particular faculty member. That student attends predetermined, agreed-upon classes and subsequently provides objective feedback to the faculty member based on the observation experience. The program is available to all undergraduate faculty and lecturers. Participation is completely voluntary and the feedback, which can be used to improve the teaching and learning processes, is kept confidential.

The UTC staff recognizes the need and importance of the Student Observer Program and we are committed to providing this unique professional development opportunity to those who are interested. We also understand that the success of the program depends greatly on recruiting high-quality students to serve as Student Observers, which is why we are requesting faculty nominations. We know that as faculty, you have a direct connection to students and as such we are asking for your assistance. If you know of any capable student(s) who would be interested in serving the University as a *Student Observer* we would greatly appreciate your recommendations/nominations. Nominees should have a 3.0 GPA or higher and preferably be in their second or third year. We are seeking individuals who possess strong communication and observation skills, are detail oriented and enjoy helping others.

Due to the importance and prestige of the Student Observer Program students will be carefully selected and each will participate in a comprehensive training program to ensure they are fully prepared to assist faculty in this capacity. Student Observers will be paid \$10.00/hour during their first year with the program, with the potential for additional compensation during their second year of service. All student observers are expected to participate in training and will be compensated for time in training. When submitting nominations, please include the full name, rocket number and contact information including an email address and phone number. Nominations can be submitted directly to me via email at angela.paprocki@utoledo.edu.

If you have any questions or would like additional information please contact me at 419.530.2655 or by using the aforementioned email address.

Thank you in advance for your assistance advancing excellence in teaching and learning at The University of Toledo!
Rocket Regards,

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