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## Tickets for bowl game on sale

By Paul Helgren

**T**ickets for the 2012 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl are on sale at the UT Athletic Ticket Office in Savage Arena through 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10.

The Rockets will play No. 18 Utah State on the blue turf of Bronco Stadium in Boise, Idaho, Saturday, Dec. 15, at 2:30 p.m. Mountain Time (4:30 p.m. Eastern Time). The game will be televised on ESPN.

Tickets may be purchased in person at the UT Ticket Office, by phone at 419.530.4653 or online at utrockets.com.

After Dec. 10, fans can order tickets through the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl website at famousidahopotatobowl.com or buy them at the gate on game day.

Tickets for the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl purchased through the UT Ticket Office are \$50. UT students may purchase up to two tickets at \$18 per ticket. UT students must purchase their tickets at the UT Ticket Office located in Savage Arena during office hours. The UT student ticket limit is two \$18 tickets per one valid UT student ID. The UT student ticket price of \$18 will not be available after noon Monday, Dec. 10, or on game day.

Call the UT Ticket Office at 419.530.4653 for more information or go to the bowl central link at the official UT Athletics website utrockets.com.



## United Arab Emirates Minister of State for Foreign Affairs to speak at commencement Dec. 15

By Jon Strunk

**T**he University of Toledo will welcome His Excellency Dr. Anwar Gargash of the United Arab Emirates as keynote speaker for fall commencement Saturday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. in Savage Arena.

Gargash holds two cabinet positions in the United Arab Emirates: Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Minister of State for the Federal National Council.

“The University of Toledo is honored that Dr. Gargash is able to visit our campus and speak to our graduates,” said UT President Lloyd Jacobs. “As a leader in a nation that has areas where UT also has intellectual strength — such as alternative energy — Dr. Gargash’s words will provide

these new UT alumni with invaluable lessons as they seek careers in fields universally touched by sweeping global changes.”

UT will award Gargash the honorary degree of doctor of public service for his work in public affairs, economics and renewable energy, culture, and international leadership. He will be accompanied by Sheikh Mohamed Bin Khalifa Al Nahyan.

There are 2,132 candidates for degrees from the summer and fall semesters from 11 of the University’s colleges. There are 686 candidates for doctoral, education specialist and master’s degrees, as well as graduate



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## Active duty Army pilot set to receive MBA in leadership

By Haraz N. Ghanbari

**T**he mountains and valleys of Afghanistan are a far cry from the farm fields of northwest Ohio where Trent D. Miller has been studying for a master of business administration degree in leadership.

The 32-year-old active duty Army captain is scheduled to receive his degree Saturday, Dec. 15, during commencement ceremonies in Savage Arena.

Miller, a Black Hawk helicopter pilot with more than 750 hours of combat flying time, isn’t your average college student. He shuns the idea that his neatly groomed hair is a “high and tight” — military jargon for the standard soldier haircut. He prefers to discuss his two combat deployments, the first to Iraq and the second to Afghanistan, in generic



ONE THOUSAND MILES AND COUNTING: U.S. Army Capt. Trent Miller, a student in the College of Business and Innovation, held a sign after reaching 1,000 hours of total flying time while on a mission in Afghanistan.

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terms because he said at times it can be difficult to relate to his peers.

“The first term was a big shock. I hadn’t had to think or act like a student in nine years at that point,” said Miller, a married father with a 1-year-old son. “Army schooling is very different from civilian higher education, so it was challenging.”

The native of Columbus Grove, Ohio, said his father was a track runner while attending The University of Toledo for a couple of years in the 1960s, and his brother graduated from UT in 2007. The Army’s Expanded Graduate School Program, a developmental and retention tool created for captains, was the catalyst to bring Miller and his wife back to the Buckeye State. The program funded Miller’s studies at UT and will require an additional four-year active duty obligation.

“As a student, Trent Miller was terrific, intelligent, articulate, highly motivated,” said Dr. Clint Longenecker, Stranahan Professor of Leadership and Business Excellence in the College of Business and Innovation. “As a person, he demonstrates tremendous character in what he does, and he knows when to lead and he knows when to follow.”

Earning his commission through the Ohio State University Army ROTC Program in 2003, Miller graduated as a distinguished military graduate with a degree in natural resources. Later that year, he would attend flight school at Fort Rucker, Ala., and marry

his high school sweetheart, Denise.

In fall 2005, Miller embarked on his first deployment as part of the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade of the famous 101st Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell, Ky. As a platoon leader, he flew a variety of missions throughout Iraq; these included direct support to the four-star commanding general of Multi-National Force — Iraq U.S. Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr.

“All of the leadership-specific classes have been very applicable to what I have been doing the last nine years,” Miller said. “All of the faculty members, in my experiences, have been very receptive to my comments and input into the class.”

Between deployments, Miller served as the executive officer for the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Deputy Commanding General and assumed his first company command in spring 2009 at age 28.

As a company commander with the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade in Germany, Miller and his soldiers deployed to Afghanistan for medevac and general support missions; he



Photo by Haraz N. Ghanbari

**GROUNDING:** U.S. Army Capt. Trent Miller posed for a photo in between classes.

was responsible for the lives of 63 soldiers and more than \$40 million of equipment, including eight Black Hawk helicopters with a price of tag roughly \$4 million apiece without weapons systems.

“I have a lot more marketable skills than I realized as an Army officer that relate directly to business,” said Miller, who is line to be promoted to the rank of major in 2013.

Following graduation, Miller and his family are scheduled to move to Fort

Leavenworth, Kan., where he will attend the Army’s 10-month graduate school for mid-career officers at the Command and General Staff College.

“I know his career in the military will be exemplary in every respect,” Longenecker said. “He is a tremendous patriot, and he is a hero in the eyes of not just his professors, but his fellow students for taking care of the security of the United States.”



**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:** Dr. John Feldmeier, professor and chair of radiation oncology, right, and Dr. Ishmael Parsai, professor of radiation oncology, chief of medical physics and director of UT’s Medical Physics Program, talked about the capabilities of the TrueBeam STx linear accelerator built by Varian Medical Systems during a tour for local media to showcase progress on the construction of the new Dana Cancer Center. Feldmeier said the machine uses highly focused beams of radiation therapy to treat cancer patients and that means faster, more precise treatments.

Photo by Daniel Miller

# From diaper bags to doctorate: New faculty member basks in goal achieved

By Kim Goodin

Catching up with Dr. Kristy Taylor can be daunting.

On a particular afternoon, the 35-year-old, newly minted UT visiting instructor has trudged through a hectic morning of preparing breakfast for four sons ranging from 2 to 7 years of age, dropped them off at school, made a quick trip to UT to speak with a consultant regarding her dissertation, and attended afternoon parent-teacher conferences back home in Ida, Mich., located about 20 miles north of Toledo.

Later, she'll retrieve her oldest sons from school, attend a preschool open house for her third boy, squeeze in dinner, and head back to UT to teach a class, working diligently well after the sun sets.

All in a day's work, she shrugs with a smile. After four years of juggling family and the arduous process of earning her doctorate, she's reached the light at the end of the tunnel — and it appears bright.

A crowd of family members will be on hand, fittingly, as she accepts her doctorate during the commencement ceremony Saturday, Dec. 15.

When Taylor began her first semester as a full-time faculty member in the College of Business and Innovation in August, she taught her undergraduate students more than the basics of human resources and conflict negotiation.

"When I introduce myself to my students, I tell them about my education,"

she said. "Then I say I'm married and I have four boys. So many young, female students come to me afterward and tell me they're trying to figure out what to do next, whether they should pursue higher education or a family. It's encouraging for them to see someone my age, with a young family, who has achieved this goal."

After earning a bachelor's degree in communications from Grand Valley State University and a master of business administration degree from Cornerstone University, both in Michigan, Taylor married, started a family, and began teaching as an adjunct faculty member at Monroe County Community College when UT's doctoral program caught her eye.

"I knew I wanted to teach full time, so I was just waiting for the right program," she said.

Already a mother of two, Taylor and her husband, Matt, had two more boys during the four years she pursued her doctoral degree.

"People thought I was crazy for going to school while the boys are young. It was chaotic, but I knew I loved teaching,



Photo by Daniel Miller

IN THE CLASSROOM: Dr. Kristy Taylor taught Conflict Resolution and Negotiations fall semester.



Photo by Tom Hawley of The Monroe Evening News

SON-FILLED DAYS: Dr. Kristy Taylor, shown here with her four sons, top from left, Reeves and Davis, and bottom from left, Brock and Pearson, joked that her biography will be titled *From Diaper Bag, to Backpack, to Briefcase*.

and I needed a higher education to be a professor."

Taylor called earning her doctorate a full-time job. She studied about 15 hours each week, with local librarians clearing office space just for her. Sidetracked with a broken leg when she was nearly nine months pregnant with her third son, she depended on her sisters and members of a local church to transport her to class and physicians' appointments, as well as to care for her home, while her husband tended to their children.

"In the beginning, I had no idea how much work it would entail," Taylor admitted. "The course work was really treacherous. I got to a point when I really thought I couldn't do it anymore, but by then, people who had been helping me were so encouraging that I knew I had to keep going. Into the first and second year, I had so many people who basically treated it like a race, constantly telling me, 'Just keep going!'"

Her hiring at UT seems like an early reward after she defended her dissertation in September. Taylor grinned widely when mentioning her desire to mentor young women pondering familial and educational goals.

"When they find out I have four boys under age 7, the women in my class are incredulous. 'What? You have four children?' They struggle with how to balance everything they want to do with the realities of getting it done. I think it's a shot in the arm to actually see that it can be done."

## Commencement

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certificates, and 1,446 for bachelor's and associate degrees.

In the event severe winter weather requires commencement to be postponed, the ceremony would take place Sunday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m. in Savage Arena.

The ceremony will be webcast live at <http://video.utoledo.edu>.

During the recent uprisings in Arab countries in spring 2012, the UAE remained stable and Gargash was a leading voice in the region calling for peaceful transitions that could pull citizens out of poverty in many of the Middle East nations affected.

In an op-ed published in August, Gargash wrote, "In the UAE, we have been less affected by the events of the Arab spring, partly due to our economic success and partly due to the legitimacy of the political system. Throughout these difficult months, the UAE has continued to provide its citizens and residents (including hundreds of thousands of Arabs) with a secure and stable livelihood and an opportunity to prosper economically and to thrive socially."

In addition to his cabinet portfolio, Gargash holds the positions of:

- Chair of the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking;
- Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Dubai School of Government;
- Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Al Owais Cultural Foundation;
- Deputy chair of the Permanent National Committee for Demographic Structure;
- Member of the Ministerial Legislative Committee; and
- Member of the Dubai Economic Council.

Gargash attended The University of Toledo and ultimately graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from George Washington University, where he also earned a master's degree. He received a doctorate in political science from King's College, Cambridge in the United Kingdom.

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# Honors dean to retire after 35 years at UT

By Jon Strunk

**F**or the last seven years, Dr. Tom Barden has helped create the strongest academic experience for UT's best and brightest students and led efforts to elevate the Honors Program to become the Honors College.

The dean of the Honors College and professor of English will step down as head of the college in December and, following spring semester, he will retire with 35 years of service to UT after having spent thousands of hours helping countless students across the University meet their potential.

"I can hardly express how satisfying this job has been for me," Barden wrote to honors students, faculty, alumni and friends in the most recent Honors College electronic newsletter. "To my thinking, it is simply the best position a professor can have. It has been such a privilege to work with some of our brightest and best faculty and most talented and dedicated students.

"Our goal as professors is to guide students to become critical thinkers, clear and precise writers, effective researchers and creators, ethically and socially aware citizens, and nuanced appreciators of



Photo by Dr. Brian Ashburner

**HONORED:** Dr. Tom Barden, dean of the Honors College, recently received a plaque from the Honors Student Council and college faculty and staff members in recognition of his dedication and service. He posed for a photo with Honors Student Council members, from left, Eddie Cosma, Joe Knaggs, Michael Baker, Taylor Browning, Nicole Sherry, Zachary Reaver and Brock Wysong.

science, history, literature, language and the arts. And working with all of you ... for the past almost seven years, has brought me as close to that ideal as I have ever been," he wrote.

Barden will continue in his role as editor of The University of Toledo Press and will return to the classroom to teach a graduate seminar on John Steinbeck during spring semester. Earlier this year, Barden

published *Steinbeck in Vietnam*, a complete collection of the dispatches American novelist John Steinbeck wrote as a war correspondent for Newsday magazine.



**CLASS ACT:** UT senior linebacker Dan Molls has been named Capital One First-Team Academic All-America by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Molls, who leads the nation with 166 tackles, has a 3.61 grade-point average in exercise science. He is Toledo's first Academic All-American since Lance Moore in 2004. Molls was a first-team All-Mid-American Conference pick this season, helping the Rockets to a 9-3 record and a berth in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. The North Royalton, Ohio, native was the team leader in tackles in all but one game, and has had at least 13 tackles 10 times this season. He also was a semifinalist for the National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete Award.

Photo by Daniel Miller



Photo by Daniel Miller

**PARTING GIFTS:** Dr. Johnnie Early, dean of the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, presented a UT mortar and pestle to Karen Papadakis, administrative secretary in the Department of Pharmacology, who retired last month after 41 years at the University. She also received a gift certificate so she could pick out a recliner. "I loved working at UT. For me, it was a great environment where I could learn and grow, even when I wasn't taking classes," she said. "I've met some wonderful people along the way. It's been a great ride." One of her favorite memories: When her twin sister took classes on campus and the two constantly were mistaken for each other. To combat this, the sisters made a pact to be friends with anyone who greeted them whether they actually knew the person or not.

# 'Lincoln' movie celebrates work of Toledo congressman

Special by Barbara Floyd

It is the movie of the holiday season. Stephen Spielberg's "Lincoln" is being talked about as an Oscar contender, particularly for Daniel Day Lewis' haunting portrayal of the 16th president.

The surprising plot of the movie concerns the legislative struggle to get the House of Representatives to pass the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, the amendment that would outlaw slavery forever. Viewers of the movie likely will leave remembering James Ashley (portrayed by actor David Costabile), who plays a key role in helping to get the amendment approved Jan. 31, 1865.

In one of the most spellbinding scenes of the movie, Ashley introduces the amendment for its vote before the House. As each congressman registers his aye or nay, the House and the gallery anxiously keep count to see if the amendment will get the two-thirds vote needed for passage. When the amendment is finally passed by three votes, the emotional outpouring of both those in favor and against is historical drama at its best.

What viewers may not know is that Congressman Ashley, who not only introduced the amendment for the vote but helped to write it, was the congressional representative from Toledo. What remains of Ashley's personal papers are preserved in UT's Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections.

As a young boy, Ashley ran away from home and got a job working on the steamboats on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. It was here that he first encountered the horrors of slavery that would inspire his later efforts to abolish it. Ashley became editor of the Portsmouth, Ohio, Democrat newspaper in 1848, and a lawyer a year later.

In 1851, he visited Toledo and decided to settle in the growing city. But while he tried his hand at newspaper publishing, even establishing a drug store on Summit Street, his real interest was in public service. He was active in the Democratic Party in Lucas County and frequently spoke out against slavery.

Ashley's anti-slavery beliefs and his concern that slavery would spread

throughout the nation's Western territories moved him to the Republican Party, and in 1856 he served as a delegate to the party's national convention. His strong abolitionist beliefs earned him the label "Radical Republican." He argued that the Constitution never intended that men be recognized as property.

In 1858, he was elected to Congress from Ohio's fifth district, which included Toledo. He was re-elected in 1860 and that year campaigned for Lincoln's election to the presidency, helping him to carry Ohio.

Ashley would be re-elected two more times during the Civil War, in 1862 and 1864. His popularity led him to work for what he saw as his most important goal: the abolishment of slavery. Ashley knew the only way to accomplish this was by amending the Constitution because President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was a wartime act. When the war ended, slavery likely would return without a constitutional prohibition against it. That led Ashley to propose the first constitutional amendment to ban the institution in 1863. The language that

Ashley drafted would be nearly identical to that which would eventually be passed in 1865 as the 13th Amendment.

After his triumph in passing the amendment, Ashley was re-elected to Congress in 1866. But his radical — some would say fanatical — views led him to initiate plans to impeach President Andrew Johnson. He was defeated in his bid for re-election to Congress in 1868 and moved to Montana, where he was appointed territorial governor by President Ulysses S. Grant. But his criticism of the president led to his removal from that post within a year, and he returned to Toledo in 1872. In his later life, he purchased and operated the Toledo, Ann Arbor and Northern Michigan Railroad.

In 1896, Ashley began to write his memoirs. His papers in the Canaday Center consist of handwritten drafts of these memoirs that cover several topics, including the development of his political philosophy and the operation of his congressional campaigns. Because of a fire that destroyed his library, the papers in the Canaday Center are the only Ashley personal papers known to exist.

In the manuscript preserved in the Canaday Center, Ashley recounted when he first came to recognize the inhumanity of slavery. "My earliest recollection of the criminality of slavery was the impressions which came to me direct from the shocking scenes of the whipping post," Ashley recalled.

He also told the story of a freed man from Kentucky who was captured and sold as a slave, then transported from Ohio to the deep South. As he was being sent away, Ashley said the slave turned to the man who sold him and said, "You seized and beat and chain and sell me. I am powerless and helpless, but when it comes time to stand before our Maker and Redeemer in the great day of Judgment, I would rather be in my place than in yours."

The papers of Ashley are available to researchers interested in his life — a life that may, due to a Hollywood movie, finally come to greater attention.

Floyd is the director of the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections.



Photo by Daniel Miller

The Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections holds the personal papers of James Ashley, the congressional representative from Toledo who drafted the 13th Amendment to abolish slavery.

## Satellites to hold battery sale Dec. 12

**G**et charged up for the holidays! Stop by the Satellites Auxiliary's battery sale Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Four Seasons Bistro Atrium.

Stock up on regular batteries and related items, and have watch batteries checked.

"I think the prices are very good and it's a local vendor as well," said Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites.

Batteries Plus of Toledo will offer several specials, including an 18-pack of AAA batteries for \$5.99, 24 AA batteries for \$7.99, and 12-packs of C and D batteries for \$9.99 each.

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

The Satellites Auxiliary is a 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 volunteer services.

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



Photo by Daniel Miller

**READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** Carol Okenka of the Satellites Auxiliary checked out the poinsettias during the group's recent sale of the seasonal favorites.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**A LITTLE SHOPPING:** Jan McGarvey, analyst, left, and Terri Butcher, office assistant 2, who both work in Admission Operations, checked out some scented lotions and soaps during the annual craft show in Rocket Hall.



**STEPPING INTO THE HOLIDAYS:** Students and faculty and staff members of the Confucius Institute marched in Toledo's holiday parade last month.

# A look back at 2012

## JANUARY

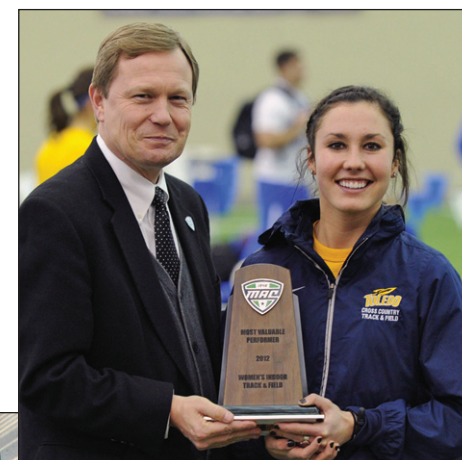
- The Student Health and Wellness Center on Health Science Campus opens.
- Junior wide receiver Eric Page announces he will enter the NFL Draft. He set school records for career receptions (306) and season receptions (125 in 2011). His 306 career receptions tie the Mid-American Conference record, 43 shy of the NCAA mark.
- Online graduate offerings in the colleges of Business and Innovation and Engineering are among the best in the nation, according to U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges 2012 rankings.
- The Office for the Student Experience opens and reinforces the University's mission of student centeredness.
- Women's basketball guard Naama Shafir announces

- Dr. Rebecca Schneider, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, is selected Outstanding Science Teacher Educator of the Year by the Association for Science Teacher Education.



Association of Colleges and Schools visits UT Feb. 27-29 as part of the University's continuing accreditation process. UT officials are encouraged by the site visit; a written report is expected in several weeks.

- The University Transportation Center receives two grants worth \$7 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation as part of the \$77 million awarded nationally for research and education.
- The women's swimming and diving team win the 2012 MAC Championship, and Coach Liz Hinkleman is named MAC Coach of the Year.
- Emma Kertesz receives the Most Valuable Performer Award at the 2012



she will apply for a medical redshirt and return to the court for the 2012-13 season. She also is named the 2012 Marty Glickman Outstanding Jewish Scholastic Female Athlete of the Year.

- The Press Ganey magazine Partners features UT Medical Center and iCARE University as the cover story for the January/February issue of the premier industry publication.
- Student-athletes earned a collective grade point average of 3.167 in the 2011 fall semester; this is the highest mark in school history.
- In an issue devoted to identifying the "Best Schools for Public Service," National Jurist Magazine names the College of Law a top school for preparing students for criminal law practice.

## FEBRUARY

- UTMC opens the region's first multiple patient hyperbaric chamber with the Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center.
- The UTMC Family Physicians Primary Care Clinic opens near Westfield Franklin Park Mall.
- Dana Drew-Shaw becomes the second Toledo women's basketball player to have her jersey hung from the rafters of Savage Arena. Wearing No. 11, she was a two-time MAC Player of the Year who helped lead UT to four postseason appearances (three NCAA, one WNIT) and three conference regular-season and tournament championships.
- Innovation Excellence, a website focused on international inventions within industry and academia, ranks UT as



one of the top 20 universities in the country for new inventions per \$1 million in grant funding.

- Senior Shannon Longenecker is named the recipient of UT's fourth annual Jefferson Award for Public Service.
- The Four Seasons Bistro opens at UT Medical Center.
- A team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central

MAC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

## MARCH

- The men's basketball team has one of the top turnaround seasons in the country; after posting a 4-28 mark last year, the Rockets win 19 games and tie for the second-biggest win improvement in the nation. UT competes in the 2012 CollegeInsider.com Post-Season Tournament.

Sophomore basketball guard Andola Dortch is named MAC Defensive Player of the Year.

- Basketball guard Julius Brown is named MAC Freshman of the Year.
- Dr. William McMillen, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, announces he will step down July 1.
- UT participates in the Women's National Invitation Tournament for a third straight season.

- Swimmers Claire Leichty and Laura Lindsay qualify to compete in the NCAA Championship meet at Auburn University in Alabama.
- Sophomore guard Rian Pearson is named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division I All-District 14 First Team.
- A total of 164 fourth-year medical students learn where they will train for their residencies at Match Day.
- The College of Law moves up to 129 among 195 schools profiled in U.S.



- Ingersoll plays in the Jump25.com/Ohio College All-Star Classic.
- Brown is honored for his basketball play and is named to the CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Freshman All-America team.
- Eighteen months of work by faculty, Faculty Senate, and department chairs and deans results in the consolidation



- The University hosts the 2012 Ohio Higher Education Computing Council Conference.

- The baseball team wins its first MAC West Division title in school history with a 19-8 league mark.
- The University wins the Jacoby Trophy for having the top women's athletic program in the MAC.



Coach Bob Nichols is one of six new members inducted into the MAC Hall of Fame. His lifetime UT record of 376-212 still ranks as the most wins by any basketball coach in MAC history.

- Golfer Chris Selfridge wins the MAC Freshman of the Year award.

- Student-athletes earn a record GPA of 3.266 in spring semester.

**JUNE**

- Dr. Michael Rees, UTMC surgeon and CEO of the Alliance for Paired Donation Inc., announces the first international altruistic kidney donation at a press conference in Washington, D.C.
- Dr. Jo Ivey Boufford, president of the New York Academy of Medicine, and Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Jim Petro address more than 200 students who are candidates for degrees at the College of Medicine commencement.

News & World Report's 2013 Best Graduate Schools edition.

- Law student David Paul Mann is named the 2012 Distinguished Law Student from the Sixth Circuit by the American College of Bankruptcy.
- Senior Courtney Ingersoll advances to the semifinals of the State Farm College Women's Three-Point Championships at the Men's Final Four in New Orleans. She leads the nation in three-point shooting percentage (44.2 percent) and wins a plaque from the NCAA acknowledging the statistical championship.



- UT and Promedica open the Academic Health Center BioRepository.
- The renovated Outpatient Rehabilitation Services Clinic opens.
- Head Men's Basketball Coach Tod Kowalczyk signs a contract extension through the 2016-17 season.
- Kertesz receives MAC Women's Outdoor Most Valuable



of UT's core curriculum into 94 general education courses; the report is presented to the Board of Trustees Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

- Women's soccer player Natalia Gaitàn learns she will represent her home country of Colombia in the Summer Olympics.

**MAY**

- Dr. Maurice Manning, president of the Irish Human Rights Commission, and Lee Fisher, president and CEO of CEOS for Cities, address 2,790 candidates for degrees at commencement.



Performer Award and is named first-team All-MAC at the Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

- Belle and Allen, the peregrine falcons that nest atop University Hall, have four chicks.
- The UT Retirees Association is named the UT Alumni Association's Affiliate of the Year.

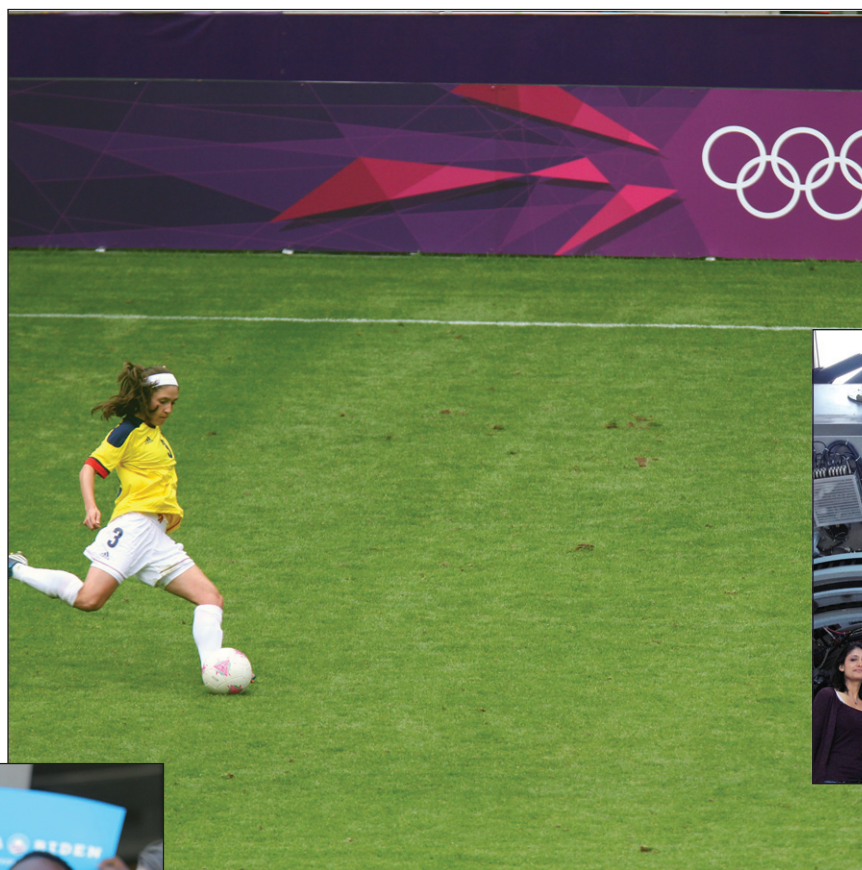
- Kertesz finishes 16th and earns second-team All-America honors in the 10,000-meter run at the NCAA Track & Field Championships.

- The University finishes 28th in the country, averaging 3,748 fans per women's basketball contest for the second-highest total in school history.
- UT breaks ground on the \$36 million Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center and the renovation project to create the Gardner/McMaster Parkinson's Center.
- Members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2415 approve a one-year contract extension.



## JULY

- UTMC is named a 2012 “Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality,” one of 71 medical facilities nationwide to achieve this status on the Health Equality Index sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign.
- Former Indiana assistant Jamie Broce is hired as the head men’s golf coach, replacing Jamie Mauntler, who resigned in May.
- The University receives continued accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
- Barnes & Noble and the University Bookstore open in the Gateway.
- A new Cardiovascular Unit opens on the third floor of UT Medical Center.



- Singer-songwriter John Legend encourages students to vote during a campaign stop for President Barack Obama.
- The International Trade Assistance Center opens in the College of Business and Innovation.
- Sophomore basketball player Inma Zanoquera helps the U-20 Spanish National team win the 2012 European Championship in Hungary.



- Dr. Scott Scarborough, former senior vice president and executive director of UTMC, is appointed provost and executive



vice president for academic affairs. Norma Tomlinson, UTMC associate vice president and associate executive director, is named acting executive director of the hospital.

- Dr. Thomas Switzer, dean of the Judith Herb College of Education from 2002 to 2009, dies Aug. 29 at age 73.
- The women’s cross country team is ranked No. 23 in the 2012 U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association’s national preseason poll.



- Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O’Brien receives the 2011-12 Under Armour Northeast Region Athletics Director of the Year award.
- UTMC is recognized nationally as a U.S. News & World Report Best Hospital in eight specialties.
- Rees is the principal investigator for a \$2 million pilot project funded by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to fund testing for kidney donor and recipient compatibility.
- UTMC receives the 2012 Stroke Gold Plus Performance Achievement Award from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association.
- UT leaders meet with Speaker of the House John Boehner and National Institutes of Health Director Dr. Francis Collins to discuss the importance of medical research.
- A University delegation visits Flagstaff, Ariz., to sign an agreement to utilize the



Discovery Channel Telescope, the fifth largest and most technologically advanced in the continental United States.

- Gaitàn and the Colombia soccer team lose three close matches at the London Olympics Games. It’s the first time Colombia competes in women’s soccer.
- Some 12,000 attend the 20th annual Art on the Mall.

## AUGUST

- Dr. Tom Barden, dean of the Honors College, is recognized by Phi Kappa Phi for his achievements in research, teaching, service and leadership; he is named 2012-14 Phi Kappa Phi Scholar.
- Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Jim Petro and Vinny Gupta, OBOR member and chair of the Ohio Commercialization Task Force, visit campus to release the fifth report on “The Condition of Higher Education in Ohio: Advancing Ohio’s Innovative Economy.”
- Chris Peters, former Ohio State assistant coach with the men’s program, is hired as the head women’s swimming and diving coach. He replaces Hinkleman, who resigned in July.

## SEPTEMBER

- The Gateway is celebrated with a ribbon-cutting event.
- Former women’s basketball player Melissa Goodall signs a contract to play professionally for Centro Universitario Sportivo in Cagliari, Italy.
- President Jacobs gives his sixth annual address to the community and tells more than 500 in Doermann Theater that UT is well-positioned on the leading edge of the academic transformations higher education is experiencing.
- Some 4,500 attend Music Fest to see Bowling for Soup, Gloriana, Tyler Hilton, K’JON, Alexander Zonjic and Jeff Lorber, Hot Sauce, and The Dumb Easies.
- The \$1.1 million Koester Alumni Pavilion is dedicated. The 13,000-square-

foot area is the site of UT Alumni Association football tailgates as well as other events.

- The Rockets beat Bowling Green on the gridiron, 27-15, in front of a capacity crowd of 28,115 in the Glass Bowl to win the I-75 Trophy.
- UT receives the MAC Cartwright Award for program excellence in academics, athletics and citizenship during the 2011-12 school year.
- The Division of Student Affairs is added to the Provost's Office. Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace becomes senior vice president for the student experience.
- Dr. Tom Gutteridge, dean of the College of Business and Innovation, is named senior vice provost and dean of academic administration. Dr. Tom Sharkey becomes interim dean of the college.
- Jon Hendricks, Distinguished Professor of Jazz, receives the What a Wonderful World Award from the Louis Armstrong Center for Music and Medicine.

**OCTOBER**

- UTMC is named one of the nation's 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics.



- Toledo upsets unbeaten No. 18 Cincinnati, 29-23, in the Glass Bowl and is ranked 26th in the country in the Associated Press media poll and 31st in the USA Today Coaches Poll.
- Dr. Cam Cruickshank, former vice president for enrollment management at Tiffin University, is named interim vice provost for enrollment management.
- UT establishes the School of Healthcare Business Innovation and Excellence.
- Dr. Richard Ruppert, MCO president from 1977 until his retirement in 1993, dies Oct. 22 at age 81.
- Wanda Butts, who started the Josh Project to teach children and adults how to swim, is up for CNN Hero of the Year. The Josh Project is housed in the UT Minority Business Development Center.
- Ken Rosenthal of Fox Sports wears a UT bow tie during the third game of the

World Series in Detroit as Toledo placed third in an online voting challenge.

- Ranked No. 20 in the nation, the women's cross country team runs to its third-straight MAC Championship. Head Coach Kevin Hadsell is named the MAC Coach of the Year for the third consecutive year and fifth time in his career.

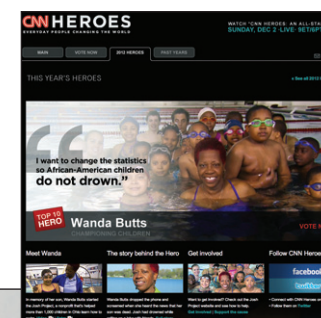


Clinic holds an open house at its new location on Health Science Campus.

- The Ohio Board of Regents approves the College of Nursing's post-baccalaureate doctor of nursing practice degree, the first of its kind in the state.
- UT leaders announce a tuition freeze for undergraduates for the 2013-14 academic year, free on-campus housing for spring semester for new transfer students who enroll for 12

Country Championships in Louisville, Ky.

- The women's soccer team receives the 2011-12 academic award from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. The Rockets posted a 3.58 GPA, which ranked sixth among Division I programs.
- Gaitan is named Capital One Third-Team Academic All-America.
- UTMC leaders accept the 2012 Press Ganey Success Story Award in Washington, D.C.
- The College of Business and Innovation is internationally ranked by Eduniversal in its *The Best 1,000 Business Schools in 154 Countries, 2012*.
- Dr. Clint Longenecker, Stranahan Professor of Leadership and Business Excellence, is one of the top 10 vote-getters in The Economist Intelligence Unit Business Professor of the Year contest.



- U.S. Vice President Joe Biden holds a campaign rally on Main Campus.
- The College of Business and Innovation is selected for The Princeton Review's 2013 guidebook, *The Best 296 Business Schools*.

**NOVEMBER**

- The football team is ranked No. 23 in the Associated Press media poll and No. 25 in the USA Today coaches poll.



- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Toledo Community Based Outpatient



hours or more, and a 25 percent discount for freshmen living on campus this year who return to the residence halls for 2013-14.

- The women's cross country team places 28th at the NCAA Division I Cross

**DECEMBER**

- The women's basketball team wins the inaugural Glass City Tournament in Savage Arena.
- Toledo accepts an invitation to play No. 18 Utah State in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl at Bronco Stadium in Boise Saturday, Dec. 15, at 4:30 p.m. The game will be on ESPN.

## Assistant professor named Glaciy Theatre Collective artistic director

Dr. Edmund B. Ligan, assistant professor of theatre, has been selected artistic director for the Glaciy Theatre Collective.



Ligan

The company dramaturg succeeds Cornel Gabara, associate professor of theatre, who stepped down after serving as artistic director for the Glaciy Theatre Collective for six years.

Gabara will continue to work as a core creative member of the group and said his decision to step down will allow more time for directing and acting in productions.

Ligan has a broad background in professional theater. Before moving to Toledo in 2007, he worked for 15 years in

New York City, where he was a director, actor, playwright, theater program director, script selector and research dramaturg.

After receiving a doctorate in theater studies, Ligan moved to Toledo, where he took a job as assistant professor in the UT Department of Theatre and Film.

Ligan talked about his new role within the company: "I will work toward promoting an even wider range of projects and programs that are currently being developed. The first of these is our upcoming production of 'Circle Mirror Transformation,' which will be directed by Holly Monsos [associate dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts] in January.

"Later in the year, we are planning to revive our production of 'Hunting Cockroaches,' which opened last summer," he said.

Ligan is determined to diversify the Glaciy Theatre Collective's artistic portfolio: "[We can do this] by nurturing a broader collaborative network and developing a wide range of programs created at different levels of production. I am thinking of everything from full productions to staged readings to open-mic-style variety performance events."

He also is interested in pursuing community outreach opportunities in the Toledo area.

## UT Opera to present Winter Gala Dec. 16

By Angela Riddel

UT Opera will present its inaugural Winter Gala Sunday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Doermann Theater.

The program will consist of a selection of opera favorites and beloved arias, according to Dr. Denise Ritter Bernardini, assistant professor of voice and director of UT Opera.

Famous party scenes from "La Traviata," "Die Fledermaus" and "Carmen" will highlight the program.

In addition to the UT Opera Ensemble, performing on the program will be guest Judy Dye and UT alumni Margaret Mack, Anthony Ferrer, Ebone Waweru, Selina Perryman and Janet Ziegler.

Tickets — \$10 for the public and \$5 for students and seniors — will be available at the door. Cash, checks and UT Rocket Cards accepted.



Photo by James Hill

**A NIGHT AT THE OPERA:** UT students Devon Desmond and Molly Bock performed in a scene from "Murder, Mayhem and the Medium," which was presented last month.



**BRASSY & BRIGHT:** Trevor Fisher played the alto saxophone during the recent UT Jazz Holiday Concert in Doermann Theater.

Photo by Daniel Miller

## Two doctoral students receive funds to assist research

By Samantha Watson

Jill Brown and Shane Close, two doctoral psychology students at The University of Toledo, were awarded scholarships to help with their research in social psychology and health.

Brown, a native of Eugene, Ore., originally received the Ford Family



Brown

Foundation Scholarship to fund her undergraduate education at Oregon State University. When she came to UT, the foundation extended her scholarship for two years.

"I definitely owe my education to the Ford Family and am very grateful for their generosity," Brown said. "This scholarship has allowed me to focus on the completion of my schoolwork and research activities."

Brown is pursuing a career as a professor and researcher of social and health psychology.

"Jill's interests are in the area of social psychology, health and medical decision-making," said Dr. Andrew Geers, professor of psychology and academic adviser for both students. "She is interested in helping to improve the medical decisions that patients make."

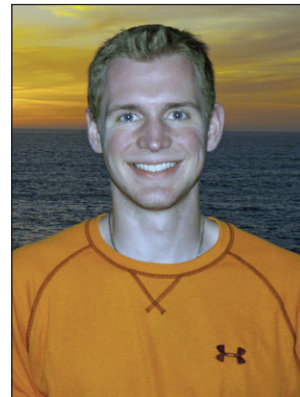
Close received the Graduate McNair Scholarship, which is awarded to students who were McNair scholars as undergraduates. The scholarship is geared

toward those who are first-generation, low-income or minority students.

The scholarship is named after Ronald E. McNair, an African-American astronaut who was a first-generation college student from a low-income family. McNair died on the space shuttle Challenger after it exploded shortly after takeoff in 1986.

Close is a first-generation college student in his family. With this scholarship, he will not have to work as a teaching assistant like most doctoral students; this will allow him more time to conduct research.

"By being able to focus on research, I will be able to complete studies more quickly, which gives me the opportunity



Close

to work on papers more and hopefully get published," he said. Close, like Brown, is researching social psychology and health. He aims

to improve the physical health outcomes for individuals through psychological interventions. "Shane has maintained stellar grades and academic performances for many years," Geers said. "Few scholarships are given to doctoral students by McNair, indicating Shane's high standings."



Photo by Daniel Miller

**COOL MOON RISING:** University Photographer Daniel Miller took this shot of the almost full moon rising over McMaster Hall last month.

## Psychology honor society wins first national award

By Samantha Watson

The 40-year-old chapter of the psychology honor society Psi Chi at The University of Toledo has won its first international award.

The chapter was awarded the Psi Chi Model Chapter Award for 2011-12 because of its outstanding membership, correspondence, involvement and projects. UT's chapter was one of 50 to receive the award out of 1,100 chapters across the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Ireland and New Zealand.

Throughout the past few years, chapter members have been working hard to receive

recognition from the organization, which is one of the largest honor societies in America and has been around since 1929.

During the past two years, membership recruitment has grown, going from around 10 new members in the previous year to more than 20. Also, each year, the chapter attends the Midwestern Psychological Association conference in Chicago, where members present results from a research study they prepare before the conference.

"I think our goal is to build a society here that is a go-to place for undergraduate

psychology majors to really feel like they're connected to the University and their community," said Dr. Jason Rose, UT assistant professor of psychology and the chapter's faculty adviser. "It can really help them advance their scholarship."

While members are generally undergraduate students, there are some graduate students who help with fundraising as well as conduct panel discussions where undergraduate students can learn about applying to graduate school.

"It's a lot easier for the graduate students in our program to give insight into the process of applying to graduate school than it is for some of the faculty who haven't done that in a while," Rose said.

The chapter officers who helped the organization to win the award were President Juliana Black, Vice President Jacqueline Deaton, Treasurer Zachary Jenkins and Secretary Hanna Wutrick, who is this year's president.

For more information, visit [utole.do/psichi](http://utole.do/psichi).

# Innovation Enterprises Challenge awards cash for eight business plans

By Bob Mackowiak

The winners of the third annual UT Innovation Enterprises Challenge Business Plan Competition were announced last week in the PNC Entrepreneurship Lab in the Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement in the College of Business and Innovation.

“We congratulate all 26 entrants for the extremely high-quality proposals they submitted,” said Richard Stansley Jr. of UT Innovation Enterprises. “These technologically innovative ideas clearly demonstrate creative thinking within the UT campus, which is exactly what this competition strives to foster.”

“We are pleased to see the Innovation Enterprises Challenge Business Plan competition, now in its third year, continues to become a critical step in developing an innovation system that includes the proper infrastructure and business tools to foster the creation of legitimate new products and services.”

“We believe the carefully conceived business ideas that won this year’s competition form a solid foundation on which these entrepreneurs can build successful businesses,” said Dr. Sonny Ariss, UT professor and chair of management. “The College of Business and Innovation is pleased to have coordinated judging of these entries and stands ready to offer guidance to help these teams emerge beyond the University into the community. We want to see these ideas and business plans effectively implemented, creating jobs and enhancing the economic growth of the region.”

The winning proposals, the entrant’s names and brief descriptions of the entries are:

- First place and \$10,000: Slide Off Hangers by Kyle Wasserman and Kyle Keiser — a unique hanger design that minimizes damage or stretching when removing shirts.
- Second place and \$5,000: Heart Pacing Wire by Dr. Mohammad Elahinia, associate professor of mechanical, industrial and manufacturing engineering — a minimally invasive nitinol temporary epicardial pacing wire used in the removal of heart sutures.

- PNC Bank Award and \$2,000: LabelED by Travis Gerrard — an application study tool that enables students and faculty to interact with images via labeling and attaching notes and audio.

Receiving honorable mention and \$500 were:

- KLOAK Industries by Kelsie Moeller, Lorraine Walters, Oreanna Thomas, Alton Phillips and Kelsey Ranley — a comprehensive and interactive pharmaceutical database application that makes identifying medications easy through photo recognition.
- FI-EMF Anti-Fouling Technology by Dr. Dong-Shik Kim, associate professor of chemical and environmental engineering — an innovative approach to the prevention of bio-fouling on solid surfaces using natural anti-fouling material.
- Behavior Therapy App by Dr. Cathy Shaffer, interim science education coordinator in the Department of Geography and Planning — a personal software application designed to assist patients in psychology counseling relative to cognitive behavioral therapy.
- Genius Student Planner by John Doncaster — an organizational program that enables students to more effectively manage their daily activities.



Photo by Bob Mackowiak

**CHALLENGE WINNERS:** Recent UT grad Kyle Keiser, front left, and senior engineering student Kyle Wasserman showed off their first-place prize that includes \$10,000 they won in the UT Innovation Enterprises Challenge Business Plan Competition for their Slide Off Hangers business. They posed for a photo with Dan Slifko, president of Rocket Ventures, left, and Dr. Sonny Ariss, professor and chair of the Management Department.

- MyTripPic by Josh Baltzell, Purnaansh Gunaicha and Scott Stocker — a business to connect people on vacation with local professional photographers to capture their photos of once-in-a-lifetime moments.

Entries for the third Innovation Enterprises Challenge Business Plan Competition were due in October. Finalists made oral presentations about their businesses to a panel of judges in November.

Prize money is awarded to the newly formed business entity, not to the individuals.

In addition, winners of the first Northwest Ohio Innovation Challenge were announced last week. Sponsored by INCENU, Rocket Ventures and Ohio’s IT Alliance Inc., and in conjunction with the College of Business and Innovation, the contest was open to individuals and businesses throughout northwest Ohio.

The winners were:

- First place and \$5,000: PhotoTwine by Aaron Harwell and Jon Hawker — a mobile application and easy-to-use photo stand for weddings and other events to share pictures and albums in real-time.
- Second place and \$3,000: Bordo Tasters Tablet by Nicholas Kubiak and Lindsey Danforth — an ergonomically designed board that allows users to carry a stemmed wine glass and a notebook simultaneously.
- Third place and \$2,000: Rxpectations by UT pharmacy resident Geoffrey Mospan and UT employees Valerie Householder, Cindy Puffer and Rachel Rocha — a medication therapy management service that will improve the way medications are used.

## Undergraduates: Proposals sought for STARS Program

By Cathy Zimmer

The Office of Undergraduate Research is accepting proposals for the Student Achievement in Research and Scholarship (STARS) Program.

The STARS Program is designed to prepare high-achieving, low-income, potential first-generation undergraduates and students from under-represented groups interested in research for the next level in their educational continuum through graduate education and professional careers.

STARS recipients receive stipends of \$500 per semester or \$1,000 for the full academic year.

Proposals for spring semester are due Friday, Jan. 25.

"The STARS Program offers undergraduate students the opportunity to conduct scholarly research with a faculty mentor by receiving paid research

assistantships," said Dr. Tom Kvale, director of the Office of Undergraduate Research.

"The research experience will better prepare students for the next stage in their professional careers.

"While the immediate focus of the program is to encourage and help undergraduate students successfully enroll and participate in graduate school, the long-term goal of the program is to enlarge the pool of those wishing to become college faculty members and trained professionals."

Interested students need to identify a faculty mentor under whom they will conduct a research project. The work may be in any field of research represented at UT. The student, with guidance from the faculty mentor, must submit a research proposal to the Office of Undergraduate Research as part of the application process.

STARS is open to all undergraduate students who are Pell Grant-eligible at all levels, but higher preference will be given to sophomores and juniors. Candidates must demonstrate that they are goal-oriented, highly motivated, and high-achieving. Students need to have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for the program.

"Participating students are required to complete a scholarly research project, submit a research report, and present their research at a student research conference or a professional conference," Kvale said. "If at all possible during their senior year, they are encouraged to serve as mentors to younger students to help them become involved in research and other scholarly activities."

The STARS Program was created in 1991. More than a decade ago, the Ohio Board of Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study recognized the critical need for increasing the state's pool of prepared faculty. Thus, financial support for STARS students originally was provided to participating campuses through the Ohio Board of Regents' state appropriation. However, when the state terminated funding for STARS in 2009, The University of Toledo decided to continue the program with its own funding, according to Kvale.

For more information on the program, contact the Office of Undergraduate Research at 419.530.2983 or [undergradresearch@utoledo.edu](mailto:undergradresearch@utoledo.edu). Visit them online at [utoledo.edu/honors/undergradresearch](http://utoledo.edu/honors/undergradresearch).

## Blessed Blossoms flower shop partners with Supply UT initiative

By Casey Cheap

When Stacey Turner decided to start her own business in 2000, she only knew she wanted either a flower or bridal shop.

Turner said that back then, bridal shops kept going out of business in the Toledo area, and her loan officer pointed out to her how many flower shops were for sale. So she opened Blessed Blossoms Flower Shop at 3365 Lagrange St. in central Toledo, and the business has become a community staple for both faith and flowers.

"The name reflects taking a leap of faith," Turner said. "I have lived my life by faith and said to myself, 'Why not?' I wanted to try doing this on my own."

The experience of owning a business has been rewarding, she said, adding that she has been able to supply flowers for The University of Toledo's and city of Toledo's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Celebration for several years. Turner also has delivered flowers for the annual Rosa Parks celebration sponsored by the Toledo Board of Community Relations and the UT Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women's Legacy Celebration.

Turner had never worked with flowers prior to starting her shop. She used her remaining vacation time at her former occupation to go through a florist program in Cleveland. She reduced her employment

to 20 hours per week while establishing her flower shop.

Turner's shop sells all types of flowers, plants, corsages, balloons, memorial stones, afghan throws, greeting cards, and specialty wedding and sympathy arrangements.

Blessed Blossoms is one of the vendors involved in Supply UT, which is a program led by the UT Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement to showcase local vendors and encourage support from University employees. The first Supply UT event on Centennial Mall in July featured a wide variety of local vendors, including Blessed Blossoms.

"The Supply UT event was well-executed and very beneficial to the businesses involved," Turner said.

Other vendors for Supply UT represented restaurants, graphic design,

electrical, moving services, office supplies, printing and more, said Dr. Shanda Gore, associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement.

"We are partnering with our vendors and are committed to increasing

opportunities through the Supply UT program," Gore said.

Anyone interested in learning more about Blessed Blossoms can visit [blessedblossoms.net](http://blessedblossoms.net).



Photo by Daniel Miller

**BLOOMING BUSINESS:** Stacey Turner tended to an arrangement at her business, the Blessed Blossoms Flower Shop, which is one of the vendors involved in Supply UT.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**GROW ON:** This hackberry tree is one of six new trees planted in front of University Hall, Stranahan Hall North and Ritter Planetarium. These trees were planted after several dead or dying ones were removed last month to improve safety on Main Campus, according to Doug Collins, director of facilities maintenance and grounds. Other varieties planted were yellow buckeye, tupelo, American linden, white oak and sweet gum. These trees are all native to northwestern Ohio, Collins said. He added other trees around University Hall were pruned to promote health.

## Make reservations for UT Alumni Association ski trip

By Samantha Watson

It's time to break out those skis and hit the slopes for The University of Toledo Alumni Association ski trip.

Faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends are invited to join the trip, which will take place from Friday through Sunday, Jan. 25-27, at Boyne Highlands in northern Michigan. To register for the event, visit [utole.do/boyneskitrip](http://utole.do/boyneskitrip) or call 419.530.2586 by Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Guests must purchase a package, which ranges from \$262 to \$340 per person depending on room accommodations that are chosen. To see which rooms are available, check the registration website.

A package includes two nights at the resort, two buffet breakfasts and three days of lift tickets. Those who wish to attend

must provide their own transportation and are responsible for ski rental and all other activities and meals not included in the package.

All rooms are based on double occupancy; additional guests will be charged at the rate of \$85 for ages 16 and older or \$65 for children age 9 to 15. Children 8 and younger sleep, ski and eat for free when staying with two paying adults.

The spa at Boyne Highlands also is offering a 10 percent discount to guests in the UT group on a 50- or 80-minute sports massage or the 25-minute foot ritual.

For questions, contact Ansley Abrams-Frederick, director of alumni programming, at [ansley.abrams@utoledo.edu](mailto:ansley.abrams@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.4316.

### In memoriam

Dr. Barbara L. "Barby" Britsch, Toledo, former instructor, died Dec. 3 at age 86. She received a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from UT in 1990.

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