

UT research award dollars reach five-year high

By Christine Billau

The University of Toledo researchers brought in \$27.1 million in new grants to fund research during the 2018 fiscal year, contributing to a five-year high in external research funding.

When combining the 39.5 percent increase in new awards compared to 2017 with renewal grants awarded to continue progress on previously funded projects, the total amount of grants awarded to UT in 2018 climbed to \$46.6 million, an increase of 21 percent compared to the previous year.

“Our research portfolio is growing,” UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. “The University’s faculty members are leaders in their academic disciplines who are making important advancements in their field of study and helping UT achieve national research prominence.”

The number of grants jumped 15 percent in fiscal year 2018, from 282 in

2017 to 326. Of those, the number of new awards increased 11 percent, from 163 to 182.

“My office has seen grant awards increase across the entire campus in a wide range of disciplines, showing a strong faculty response in supporting the University’s commitment to building research,” Vice President for Research Frank Calzonetti said. “I am particularly impressed by the number of new awards, compared to awards to continue previously funded projects. These new awards are mostly for projects that have met agency merit review criteria and have a higher probability of future funding.”

Federal awards in 2018 include:

- \$2.4 million from the U.S. Department of Energy to

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UT faculty awarded \$1.3 million in federal grants for medical research, education, technology

Faculty members at The University of Toledo were awarded \$1.3 million in federal grants for projects related to opioid abuse, mental health, cancer and antimicrobial technology.

“The University of Toledo continues to advance its strong research base, this time in the two critical areas of innovative drug targets for cancer risk and also to public health and opioid crisis education,” said Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur.

“The University of Toledo’s leadership in pioneering treatments and therapies for everything from heart disease to detecting a substance-use relapse has earned it the attention of granting agencies. Securing competitive federal awards is no easy task. Congratulations to UT for identifying and competing in very competitive space.”

Dr. Cheryl McCullumsmith, professor and chair of the UT Department of Psychiatry, was awarded a three-year,

\$449,076 grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to expand education about opioid use disorder across all disciplines within UT’s College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

“The College of Medicine and Life Sciences will equip all medical students with the knowledge and the skills they need to appropriately manage opioid treatment and confidently identify opioid use disorders, regardless of their planned specialty. We are training a generation of family medicine doctors, surgeons and internists to actively prevent and treat opioid use disorders,” McCullumsmith said.

Dr. Linda Lewandowski, dean of the UT College of Nursing and co-chair of the UT Opioid Task Force, was awarded a three-year, \$371,723 grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health

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The Economist editor to offer perspective of global market Oct. 3

Zanny Minton Beddoes, editor-in-chief of The Economist, will deliver the 2018 Edward Shapiro Distinguished Lecture Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. in Doermann Theatre.



Beddoes

Named one of the “most powerful women in the world” by Forbes, Beddoes is a renowned global economics expert, sought-after for her authoritative

perspectives on the world economy — past, present and future.

Beddoes’ talk at The University of Toledo is titled “What’s Next? Making Sense of a Global Economy.”

In this big-picture presentation, Beddoes will reveal the interplay of democracy, demography, technology, energy and government policies as the ultimate drivers of economic change. Topics will include:

- How is Europe displaying attributes typical of Japan, where economies are no longer shrinking, but stagnant?
- Emerging market economies are being tested — a candid look at which have promise and those that could collapse under the pressure.

As the first female editor in The Economist’s more than 170-year history, Beddoes enlightens audiences on financial and economic trends with prescient analysis that is detailed yet comprehensive in scope.

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Walk this way



Photo by Daniel Miller

Lucas Finke checked his phone as he walked by the Glass Bowl last week on his way to class in Palmer Hall. The freshman majoring in chemical engineering is from Sidney, Ohio.

Islamic family law in United States topic of Cannon Lecture

By Diana Case

Dr. Asifa Quraishi-Landes, professor of law at the University of Wisconsin Law School, will present the annual Cannon Lecture at The University of Toledo College of Law Thursday, Sept. 27, at noon in the Law Center McQuade Auditorium.



Quraishi-Landes

The title of her talk is “Islamic Family Law in the United States: Islamophobia, American Secularism, and American Muslims.”

As state court judges wrestle with how and whether to

accommodate religious-based claims in divorce litigation, “anti-Sharia” law bills have proliferated in states across the country. Quraishi-Landes will summarize the legal landscape of Islamic family law cases in the U.S. over the years and will

discuss what the future might mean for American secularism and for American Muslims living here.

Quraishi-Landes is a nationally known expert on Islamic and U.S. constitutional law, with a focus on modern Islamic constitutional theory. She teaches in the areas of constitutional law and Islamic law.

She is president of the National Association of Muslim Lawyers and serves on the governing board of the Association of America Law Schools Section on Islamic Law. She is working on a book manuscript, “Islamic Reconstitutionalism,” in which she proposes a new model of Islamic constitutionalism for today’s Muslim-majority countries.

Quraishi-Landes is a 2009 Carnegie Scholar and 2012 Guggenheim Fellow. Previously, she served as a public delegate on the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; president and board member of KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights; fellow with the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding; and

advisor to the Pew Task Force on Religion and Public Life.

Quraishi-Landes received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of California-Berkeley, a juris doctor from the University of California-Davis, a doctor of juridical science from Harvard Law School, and a master of laws degree from Columbia Law School.

“In an increasingly pluralistic society, our legal institutions have sometimes stumbled in handling diverse religious traditions,” said Geoffrey Rapp, associate dean for academic affairs in the UT College of Law. “This year’s Cannon Lecturer, Professor Quraishi-Landes, will offer insights into the treatment of Islamic family law in American courts.”

This free, public event is part of the Cannon Lecture Series that was established in 1980 to honor former Toledo attorney Joseph A. Cannon. The series hosts nationally known individuals who explore both the humanistic dimensions and limitations of the legal system.

For more information, visit utoledo.edu/law/events/cannon-lecture.html.

Local business leader appointed to UT Board of Trustees

Stephen (Steve) Ciucci, president and CEO of Toledo Molding & Die Inc., is the newest member of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees.



Ciucci

He was named by Ohio Gov. John Kasich to a term that began Sept. 10 and will end July 1, 2027.

“I am excited about this appointment and the chance to be involved with The

University of Toledo, an institution that is not only a leader, but an economic anchor in our region,” Ciucci said. “I look forward to being part of the University and its bright future.”

Ciucci has worked at Toledo Molding & Die (TMD) since 1997. Over the years, he held a variety of positions, including plant manager; operations manager; director of sales, marketing and product development; chief operating officer; and president. In 2012, he was named CEO of TMD, which supplies interior and air/fluid management systems to the automotive industry.

Prior to joining Toledo Molding and Die, Ciucci worked at Ford Motor Co. for 13 years in various engineering, operations, and management positions.

“Steve is a respected businessman who is active in the Toledo community. We welcome his experience to the board to help guide the future of the University,” Mary Ellen Pisanelli, chair of the UT Board of Trustees, said.

Ciucci is a board member of the Regional Growth Partnership, and a board and executive member for the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce and Junior Achievement of Northwest Ohio.

The resident of Sylvania, Ohio, received a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 1983 and a master of business administration degree from the University of Michigan in 1997.

Employee reminder: Complete open enrollment in October

All benefit-eligible employees are reminded to complete open enrollment, which runs from Monday, Oct. 1, through Wednesday, Oct. 31, with elections being effective Jan. 1. By completing open enrollment, you will ensure you have proper medical, pharmacy, dental and vision coverage for 2019.

“Once again this year, we tried to find opportunities to enhance what we offer our employees,” said Wendy Davis, associate vice president and chief human resources officer. “We strive to ensure employees have appropriate coverage by offering several plan options and flexibility so they can choose what’s best for their individual household.”

Among changes this year:

- The Blue Medical Plan will move from two tiers (single or family coverage) to three tier premium rates (single/single plus one/family); therefore, employees who have only one member to cover will have a lower premium.

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** IMPORTANT REMINDER **

- WHO:** ALL UT EMPLOYEES
- WHAT:** 2019 OPEN ENROLLMENT
- WHEN:** Opens—Monday, Oct. 1
Closes—Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 11:59 p.m.
- WHERE:** For more details, attend an Employee Benefits Fair
- HSC—Wednesday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Morse Center basketball courts
 - Main Campus—Thursday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Student Rec Center auxiliary gym
- WHY:** All employees are strongly encouraged to complete the open enrollment process during October to ensure correct coverage!
- HOW:** Log in to your account on the myUT portal.
- In the Employee tab under “MY TOOLKIT,” (top left of your screen) scroll down to “Benefits information” and click on “2019 Open Enrollment.”

Two UT faculty members honored by American Chemical Society

By Marla Gootee

Dr. Amanda Bryant-Friedrich and Dr. Paul Erhardt were recognized at the American Chemical Society's fall national meeting last month in Boston.

Bryant-Friedrich, interim dean of the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, was named a Fellow of the American Chemical Society, and Erhardt, Distinguished University Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, was inducted into the American Chemical Society Medicinal Chemistry Division Hall of Fame.

The American Chemical Society Fellow designation is awarded to a member who has made exceptional contributions to the science or profession and has provided excellent volunteer service to the community.

Bryant-Friedrich joined the University in 2007 as an associate professor in medicinal and biological chemistry in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. In 2016, she was appointed dean of the College of Graduate Studies, and on Sept. 1, she was named interim dean of the College of Pharmacy. She is vice provost for graduate affairs, professor of medicinal and biological chemistry, and director of the University's Shimazdu Laboratory for Pharmaceutical Research Excellence.

She received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry at North Carolina Central University, a master's degree in chemistry from Duke University, and a

doctorate in pharmaceutical chemistry from Ruprecht-Karls Universität in Germany. In addition, she conducted postdoctoral studies at the University of Basel in Switzerland.

"After spending several years at an undergraduate-serving institution, I decided that having a larger research focus would allow me to offer more students opportunities," Bryant-Friedrich said. "The University of Toledo has a research and teaching mission aligned with my interest as well as a globally diverse student body. When offered the opportunity to join this community, I couldn't say no."

Her research interests include modified nucleic acids; biomarkers; DNA and RNA damage; photochemistry; mass spectrometry; ionizing radiation; and women in science.

"It is important to me to remain active as a researcher to continue to provide training and research opportunities for students from around the world and right here in northwest Ohio," said Bryant-Friedrich, one of 12 women named a Fellow this year. "So many questions still remain about the origins of disease, and I hope to continue to contribute to our understanding of the root of diseases such as cancer and Alzheimer's while searching for new treatments for viral infection."

Erhardt has been a member of the UT faculty for 25 years. He is director of the Center for Drug Design and



HONORED: Dr. Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, center, posed for a photo with Gurdatt Premnauth, UT alumnus who received a master of science degree in chemistry in 2016, left, and Immaculate Sappy, a PhD candidate in the UT Department of Medicinal Chemistry, at the American Chemical Society's fall national meeting last month in Boston. Bryant-Friedrich was named a Fellow of the American Chemical Society.

Development, which promotes health-related interdisciplinary research programs and facilitates collaborations between the academic and private sectors so useful technologies can be matured and delivered to the marketplace to benefit the public.

He has been a member of the American Chemical Society for nearly 50 years. His early career began in the private sector, first at American Critical Care Labs and then at Berlex Laboratories, where he rose to the rank of assistant director of research and global development. After 20 years, he transitioned to academia and joined The University of Toledo with a desire to share his knowledge and research skills with students.

The American Chemical Society Division of Medical Chemistry Hall of Fame inducts those who have made outstanding contributions to medicinal chemistry through research, teaching and/or division service.

"With regard to the hall of fame award, I am enormously proud as this is the highest acknowledgement that can be bestowed

within my chosen field of endeavor," Erhardt said.

He received a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry and doctorate in medicinal chemistry from the University of Minnesota. He did postdoctoral studies in drug metabolism while at the University of Texas at Austin.

Erhardt is well-known for the pioneering discovery and development of esmolol, a soft drug used in emergency settings that continues to save numerous lives on a daily basis around the globe. He has written more than 125 publications and received more than 50 U.S. patents.

He has been an active member of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, where he served as president of Division VII Chemistry and Human Health.

"I plan to retire and assume an emeritus position where I can continue to pursue research," Erhardt said. "One hobby project that I have never had time for is to establish a human drug metabolism database on the internet akin to the protein database that can be used by all investigators across the globe who are interested in such a topic."



IN THE HALL: Dr. Paul Erhardt, right, received a plaque from Dr. Paul Ornstein, chair of the American Chemical Society Medicinal Chemistry Division, during the Hall of Fame induction ceremony last month in Boston.



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Watch Sheldon’s debut feature documentary, “Recovery Boys,” which documents the lives of four men working to transform their lives after years of addiction. The film is also a Netflix Original Documentary. A Q&A session will follow.

Join us for a dessert reception following the lecture.

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Services Administration for an interdisciplinary public health project that will provide evidenced-based mental health awareness training to UT students, faculty and staff, as well as the wider northwest Ohio community.

The training includes appropriate responses, materials on available community resources, and information about the unique mental health needs of active-duty military and veterans. The program is built with a specific emphasis on issues related to the opioid epidemic.

“With one in five Americans experiencing mental health problems in a given year, it is more likely that an individual will come across someone having an emotional or mental health crisis than someone having a heart attack. By providing ‘mental health first aid,’ we will empower our students, faculty and community to recognize mental health and substance abuse problems and respond appropriately. This type of training is especially important during this time of the pervasive opioid crisis affecting our state and the nation,” Lewandowski said.

Dr. Maria Diakonova, professor in the UT Department of Biological Sciences, was awarded a three-year, \$449,667 grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences to focus on a protein called JAK2 as she works to identify new drug targets to reduce the risk of cancer.

“Our goal is to explain the JAK2-mediated intracellular pathways and have a better understanding of the mechanisms involved in cell proliferation, or cell division, which could provide insight into future therapeutic approaches to cancer,” Diakonova said.

Dr. Terry Bigioni, professor in the UT Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to research broad-spectrum antimicrobial coatings for garments and textiles. Antimicrobial treatments are already used in medicine as anti-infective treatments and in garments and textiles for odor control. This technology could bring odor control to a wider range of products and reduce the need to launder many garments, improving garment lifespan and reducing their environmental impacts.

“We think our antimicrobial technology could bring a lot of added value to the garment and medical industries and create new manufacturing jobs right here in northwestern Ohio,” Bigioni said.

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Dr. Sridhar Viamajala, professor in the UT Department of Chemical Engineering, for a project titled “A Comprehensive Strategy for Stable, High Productivity Cultivation of Microalgae With Controllable Biomass Composition”;

- \$1.8 million from the Air Force Research Laboratory to Dr. Randy Ellingson, professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, for a project titled “Ultra-High Efficiency and Lightweight Thin-Film Photovoltaic

Electricity for Portable, On-Demand Power for Defense Applications”;

- \$438,172 from the National Institutes of Health to Dr. Heather Conti, assistant professor in the UT Department of Biological Sciences,

for a project titled “Novel Role for B-Defensin 3 in the Regulation of Innate Lymphocytes and Oral Mucosal Immune Responses.”

For more information about UT’s research enterprise, visit utoledo.edu/research.

From music to medicine: MD/PhD student serves as concertmaster for high-profile charity orchestra in nation's capital

By Tyrel Linkhorn

Robin Su won an international piano competition before he had a driver's license, has been invited to play at Carnegie Hall, and performed a violin solo at the esteemed Cleveland Orchestra.

But the greatest musical honor of the violinist and aspiring physician's life came in August when he was selected to be concertmaster for two rare joint performances by the World Doctors Orchestra and the National Institutes of Health Philharmonia in Washington.

Su, a fourth-year MD/PhD candidate in The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences, wasn't just sitting first chair — the most important orchestra position after the conductor — he was the only student among the 70 or so doctors and researchers volunteering their time for the charity concerts.

"It is very difficult to be invited to perform with this orchestra," Su said. "Some of the world's finest MDs and PhDs were there together."

Su, 25, is hoping to join their ranks.

As he worked toward a degree in violin performance at the Cleveland Institute of Music, Su was taking pre-med classes at Case Western Reserve University.

"I was always interested in music and medicine," he said. "As I got older and looked at the different possibilities of pursuing both, I think that became more realistic."

Su was one of just three students accepted into UT's joint MD/PhD Program in fall 2015. His current research is focused on how microcystin, a dangerous toxin produced by algal blooms, might affect individuals with pre-existing conditions such as inflammatory bowel disease.

He is working to find biomarkers that could help clinicians diagnose microcystin-induced liver damage.

"We're trying to be at the front end and have preventative measures and diagnostic measures to prevent it from progressing further," Su said. "Liver disease is a progressive disease from multiple hits, and we think that microcystin definitely plays into that and accelerates that process. We're trying to prevent that from moving forward."

As a professional musician, Su would dedicate eight hours a day to practice. That's been significantly scaled back as he juggles



FIRST CHAIR: Robin Su, fourth-year MD/PhD candidate in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, performed last month with the World Doctors Orchestra and the National Institutes of Health Philharmonia in Washington.

his course load and laboratory work. Even so, Su managed to cram in four hours of practice every night in the weeks prior to the August performances.

Once together in Washington, the group went through three days of grueling eight-hour rehearsals. As concertmaster, Su took on many added responsibilities, including the execution of several solo passages, acting as a liaison between the conductor and orchestra to facilitate musical communication, and serving as a leader of the entire orchestra to ensure musical unity.

That's no small task when you're talking about an organization in the World Doctors Orchestra that draws from a rotating cast of more than 1,200 physicians from nearly 50 countries. Combine that with integrating musicians from the NIH Philharmonia, and it's downright challenging.

"Normal orchestras rehearse throughout the year, and we only have three days," Su said. "I think everyone was very appreciative of my strong leadership of the orchestra, and I think it played a role in bringing everything together very quickly."

His work won high praise from Sheyna Burt, president of the World Doctors

Orchestra USA. There's a bit of a cliché, Burt said, of a hard-charging physician by day and a dedicated amateur performer by night.

"With Robin it's different. Whatever his academic prowess might be, he is a genuinely gifted and sensitive artist," she said. "During the first rehearsal of the World Doctors Orchestra/NIH Philharmonia collaboration, I witnessed his interpretation of the opening violin solo in Rimsky-Korsakov's 'Russian Easter Overture' stop an entire orchestra in its tracks."

Su, who is about halfway through his dual degree program, eventually wants to actively practice medicine along with conducting academic research.

And he hopes to continue playing violin, encouraged by the world-class doctors and researchers with whom he recently performed.

"It's definitely inspirational for me, seeing that physicians can still balance their work with their musical passion," he said.



OFFSTAGE: Robin Su posed for a photo with Nancia D'Alimonte, music director of the National Institutes of Health Philharmonia, in Washington.

Exercise freedom to read at UT Banned Books Week

By Marla Gootee

The University of Toledo will hold its 21st annual Banned Books Vigil to celebrate the right to read, think, speak and create freely without censorship.

The free, public event will take place Thursday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Carlson Library Room 1005. Programs will start every 30 minutes during the event that coincides with the American Library Association's Banned Books Week, Sept. 23-29.

"We emphasize taking a moment to think about how fortunate we are to live in a country where we can express our views and read the views of controversial people because, in a lot of places, freedom of expression is not a right," said Dr. Paulette D. Kilmer, UT professor of communication and coordinator of the UT Banned Books Coalition.

Classic books such as "The Catcher in the Rye," "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "The Color Purple" are a few of the novels that have been challenged or banned from libraries and classrooms. And every year, new books are added to the banned list.

Banned Books Week strives to celebrate and make these books easily available to students and bring together the entire reading community.

"It's very important for us to remind students that they need to enjoy this freedom to read, create, think and speak," said Arjun Sabharwal, UT associate professor of library administration and digital initiative librarian.

Banned books and door prizes will be given away throughout the day at the event. In addition, light snacks and refreshments will be served along with 20-minute presentations by guest speakers throughout the day.

"My expectation is that people enjoy themselves and just take a few minutes to think about our wonderful First Amendment and the right to think and read freely because the battle for the First Amendment is never over," Kilmer added.

Topics and speakers for the event will be:

- 9 a.m. — "Welcome: Read on!" by Dr. David Tucker, UT professor and chair of communication, and Beau Case, dean of University Libraries.
- 9:30 a.m. — "Forty-One Years of Free Speech" by Tucker.
- 10 a.m. — "The 10 Biggest News Stories You've Never Heard of" by Lou Hebert, Toledo broadcaster and historian.

- 10:30 a.m. — "Book Burning Videos: Indiana Jones, Eyewitnesses and Ray Bradbury."
- 11 a.m. — "Pandora, Lilith and Eve: Three Superheroes" by Warren Woodberry, Toledo writer.
- 11:30 a.m. — "Writing From Prison, Challenging Mass Incarceration" by Dr. Renee Heberle, UT professor of political science and co-director of the Program in Law and Social Thought.
- Noon — Charlene Gilbert, dean of the UT College of Arts and Letters, will give the Dr. Linda Smith Lecture titled "Free Your Mind: 20 Books That Changed the World."
- 1 p.m. — "Crippling the Banned Book and Taking Back Crazy" by Dr. Allyson Day, UT assistant professor of disability studies.
- 1:30 p.m. — "Ginsberg's 'Howl': A Poem That Changed Poetry and Culture" by Dr. Glenn Sheldon, UT honors professor of humanities.
- 2 p.m. — Banned episode of "American Dad" titled "Don't Look a Smith Horse in the Mouth."
- 2:30 p.m. — "Editorials: Views, Not News" by Areeba Shah, editor of The Independent Collegian.
- 3 p.m. — "Jeopardy!" hosted by The Independent Collegian.
- 3:30 p.m. — "Controversy Over Transgender Content in George" by Dr. Sharon Barnes, UT associate professor and chair of women's and gender studies.
- 4 p.m. — "In the Gutters of Palomar" by Dr. Matt Yockey, UT associate professor of theatre.
- 4:30 p.m. — "Breaking the Sound Barrier of Propriety" by Dr. Ed Lingan, UT professor and chair of theatre.

Kilmer said the UT Banned Books Vigil would not be possible without help from numerous generous sponsors on campus and in the community. She gave a special thanks to the Office of the President; the Office of the Provost; University Libraries; Jesup Scott Honors College; the UT School of Visual and Performing Arts; and the UT Communication Department.

For more information about the UT Banned Books Vigil, contact Kilmer at paulette.kilmer@utoledo.edu.



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Saturday, Oct. 6 | 3:30 p.m.

Catch the spirit of the big top with grand marshal and Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz. Join Rocky, Rocksy, the Rocket Marching Band, alumni, fans and UT neighbors for the annual Homecoming parade through the streets of Old Orchard.

JOIN US FOR MORE HOMECOMING WEEK FESTIVITIES!

CARNIVAL ON THE MALL
 Monday, Oct. 1
 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Centennial Mall

Join Rocky for his very own carnival with lots of food and prizes!

OTTAWA AND A SHOW
 Monday, Oct. 1
 8 - 10 p.m.
 The Flatlands

Rain Location: Thompson Student Union Auditorium
 Don't just soar, fly high with your fellow Rockets as you kick back on the grass of the Flatlands and watch The Greatest Showman!

EAT THE STREET
 Tuesday, Oct. 2
 6 - 8 p.m.
 Residence Drive

(between Presidents Hall and Ottawa House)
 Join us for the Second Annual "Eat the Street." Get a taste of Toledo with area food trucks and much more!

BIG TOP BONANZA
 Wednesday, Oct. 3
 7 - 9 p.m.

Thompson Student Union Ingman Room
 Watch as the Homecoming candidates "sing" it out for king and queen during lip-sync battles! Food and games will be provided by the Black Student Union and Latino Student Union.

RINGMASTER ROCKY'S PEP RALLY
 Thursday, Oct. 4
 12:30

Centennial Mall
 Join Ringmaster Rocky during the Homecoming pep rally to gear up for Saturday's game against Bowling Green State University!

GLEE CLUB PERFORMANCE
 Thursday, Oct. 4
 5 - 5:20 p.m.

Front steps of Thompson Student Union
 Enjoy the UT Glee Club as members sing and dance their way across campus, beginning at the steps of the Student Union!

NPHC TALENT SHOW
 Thursday, Oct. 4
 8 - 11:30 p.m.
 Doermann Theatre

Join us as the men and women of UToledo's historically black fraternities and sororities share their talent during a night of entertainment. You could even walk out with a giveaway!

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 Friday, Oct. 5
 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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Independent coffee shop to open in Gateway

By Christine Billau

An independent coffee shop is coming soon to the Gateway Plaza at The University of Toledo.

Brew is expected to open to the public at the end of the year in time for the start of spring semester at the retail center on the corner of UT Main Campus on Secor Road at Dorr Street.

The coffee bar will be located between Barnes & Noble University Bookstore and Huntington Bank. It is moving to Gateway from its original location near campus on the south side of Dorr Street.

"We love coffee, and we opened our business in 2016 because we felt there was a need for coffee shops around the UT area," Jennifer Erd, owner of Brew, said. "Approximately 70 percent of our customers are students, so being closer to student housing, faculty and classrooms makes sense. Plus, Gateway gives us double the space."

Brew serves coffee from Zingerman's Coffee in Ann Arbor, along with local, made-from-scratch pastries and desserts from All Crumbs Artesian Bakery, 7 Little Cupcakes, Libby's 17 Second Cookies, and So Sweet Lebanese and French Pastries.

"We also hope to add craft beer, wine and ice cream to our menu," Erd said. "Along with being an awesome local coffee shop, we want people to think of us as a nice, after-dinner option, too. We will continue to promote local artists by displaying and selling their work and offering open-mic sessions every month."

"Brew will be a great addition to Gateway," Brenda Lee, president of the UT Foundation, said. "We are excited for them to join our vibrant campus."

Brew will be located on the south end of the Gateway, which also includes Rice Blvd., Verizon Wireless Zone, Great Clips, Jimmy John's, Bubble Tea and Domino's Pizza.



Photo by Daniel Miller

LOCAL BUZZ: Jennifer Erd, owner of Brew, is excited the coffee shop will be moving to the Gateway Plaza.

New citizens



Photo by Daniel Miller

A total of 67 new Americans recited the Pledge of Allegiance during a naturalization ceremony Sept. 17 in the Law Center McQuade Auditorium. Judge Jack Zouhary of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio presided over the event, which was held on campus to celebrate Constitution Day at the University. The ceremony was sponsored by the Office of Government Relations and the Center for International Studies and Programs.

Leading the fight



Photo by Daniel Miller

Dr. Celia Williamson, UT professor of social work and director of the UT Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute, spoke last week at the 15th annual International Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference. The two-day event was held in the Thompson Student Union and featured almost 90 presentations from researchers, advocates and survivors. To date, the trafficking conference has welcomed presenters from 34 states and 25 countries to educate social service, health-care and criminal justice professionals on human trafficking and the needs and risks of survivors, as well as their customers and traffickers.

120 companies to recruit UT business students at fall job fair

Approximately 650 UT College of Business and Innovation students will participate in the college's annual autumn job fair Thursday, Sept. 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union.

Among the 120 companies recruiting business students on campus will be Amazon, Welltower, Coca-Cola, Intuit, Dana Holding Corp., Mercy Health, Ohio Department of Taxation and EY.

"We are truly excited and pleased for our students by the fact that so many well-known companies are coming to the UT College of Business and Innovation to find the talent they need," said Terribeth Gordon-Moore, senior associate dean of the college. "This reflects very positively on the quality of both our programs and our students. It also demonstrates the extremely dynamic and mutually beneficial relationship enjoyed by the College of Business and Innovation and recruiters for major national companies."

Employers are looking for undergraduate students to participate

in business internships and leadership development programs, as well as for seniors and graduates seeking full-time employment.

"We strongly encourage our freshman students to attend the job fair, engage these company representatives, and begin a relationship with these employers now," Gordon-Moore said.

"This semiannual job fair is part of what we do to prepare our students for their futures," Gordon-Moore explained, adding that the college's Business Career Programs office works year-round to assist students in acquiring internships and jobs upon graduation. "We strive to provide the necessary resources so our students can conduct their own tailored job searches."

More than 85 percent of UT College of Business and Innovation students participate in internships, and the job placement rate for spring 2018 business graduates was more than 90 percent.

Staff Leadership Development forms due Oct. 1

Applications and nominations for the second cohort of UT's Staff Leadership Development program are being accepted through Monday, Oct. 1, at 5 p.m.

The one-year program is designed to develop emerging, high-potential leaders to help them grow in their existing positions

and later assume expanded leadership roles at UT.

Visit utoledo.edu/depts/hr for forms and additional details.

Individuals selected to be part of the program's second cohort will be notified by Tuesday, Oct. 16.

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"We are excited to host Zanny Minton Beddoes here on the UT campus," said Charlene Gilbert, dean of the UT College of Arts and Letters. "Her role as a thought leader on the national and international stage is truly impressive. As one of Forbes' 100 most powerful women in the world, we are sure her remarks will be both timely and insightful. The College of Arts and Letters is deeply committed to bringing speakers of this caliber to our campus, providing our students and our community with exposure to some of the world's most important leaders and intellectuals."

Tickets for the free, public Edward Shapiro Distinguished Lecture are available at utoledo.edu/al/shapiro-lecture.

The annual lecture is made possible by an endowment left by Dr. Edward Shapiro, professor emeritus of economics, who retired in 1989 and wanted to provide opportunities for the University to bring world-renowned speakers to Toledo.

Past Shapiro Distinguished Lecture speakers include Elie Wiesel, Oliver Sacks, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Toni Morrison, Wynton Marsalis, E.J. Dionne Jr. and Audra McDonald.

Office of Diversity and Inclusion adds new location on Health Science Campus

By Tyrel Linkhorn

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion has expanded to include a second location on The University of Toledo's Health Science Campus.

The new office is located in Mulford Library Room 128. Currently, the office is staffed three days a week — Monday, Thursday and Friday.

"We are excited to be able to support faculty, staff, students and community members who work and utilize services on the Health Science Campus," said Jennifer Pizio, director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. "It's part of our mission to make sure we reach all of our UT constituents and partners. In the coming months, we'll be developing new programming specific to the needs of the Health Science Campus."

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion was established in 2016 following the development of UT's Strategic Diversity Plan. The mission of the office is to ensure every member of the UT community feels included, respected and free from discrimination. It also works to promote a diverse and culturally aware environment that prepares students for success in today's global world.

Pizio said it was important that the office establish a physical presence at Health Science Campus for those studying

and working there. A new Health Science Campus Diversity and Inclusion Committee also meets monthly to discuss specific needs and programming for faculty, many of whom have dual roles as both instructors and clinicians, and students who are juggling classes and clinical practicums.

"The Health Science Campus has a unique set of challenges and exciting opportunities housing both a health-care and higher education institution under the UT umbrella," she said.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion also will bring some of its regular programming over from Main Campus, such as "Constructive Dialogue: Navigating Difficult Conversations in the Classroom."

The hourlong discussion series helps guide faculty through conversations about challenging topics such as race, gender and sexual orientation. Upcoming sessions will take place Tuesday, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6, on Main Campus in Carlson Library Room 1109 and Thursday, Oct. 4 and Nov. 8, on Health Science Campus in Mulford Library Room 520. All sessions are from 1 to 2 p.m.

To RSVP for any of these sessions, email diversity@utoledo.edu. Both the Main Campus and Health Science Campus locations also can be reached at 419.530.2260.

Professional Staff Association Sick Leave Bank changing open enrollment

The Professional Staff Association Sick Leave Bank is changing its open enrollment period.

In 2018, there are two enrollment periods — March and October.

And starting in 2019, there will only be one enrollment period in October.

"This move makes sense since it will align the Sick Leave Bank open enrollment with the University's open enrollment for health-care benefits," Deb Sobczak, chair of the Sick Leave Bank Committee, said.

"Established in 1998, The University of Toledo Professional Staff Association's Sick Leave Bank has proven to be a very worthwhile effort," she said. "This Sick Leave Bank provides help for all members

who have exhausted their own vacation and sick hours due to a personal catastrophic illness or injury."

Beginning in 2010, the Sick Leave Bank was expanded to include professional staff on Health Science Campus, and in 2017, the University agreed to allow this resource to continue.

Full-time PSA employees may make a one-time donation of 16 hours; part-time PSA employees may donate eight hours.

Those who wish to join the Sick Leave Bank and help their co-workers can find policy information, current member list and the donation form at utoledo.edu/org/psa/sickleavebanknew.html.

Wanted: Proposals for Future of Higher Education Forums

Friday, Oct. 5, is the deadline to submit program proposals for Future of Higher Education Forums.

Coordinated by the Office of the Provost in collaboration with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the University Teaching Center, these new forums seek participation and expertise from UT faculty members.

“We want to talk about a variety of topics — student success, time management, creating an inclusive classroom, crisis management, using technology and innovation in higher education, tenure and promotion, and more,” said Dr. Amy Thompson, interim associate vice provost of faculty affairs and professor of public health.

“We want to hear from faculty members who are willing to share their

knowledge and experience on diverse topics with campus community members.”

Program proposals should plan for one hour of lecture with up to one hour for brainstorming and conversation. The session should identify a clear target audience and method of instruction, providing two learning objectives.

“We encourage an activity to be part of the program,” Thompson added.

Applications will be reviewed by the Office of the Provost; faculty members selected to present a forum will receive a \$250 stipend.

The first forum will be held Friday, Sept. 28; see story at right.

For an application and to read more about the Future of Higher Education Forums, go to utoledo.edu/offices/provost/future-of-higher-education-forum.

Forum to provide crisis training on how to help students

“Are You Student Ready? Crisis Training to Assist Students” will be the topic of the Future of Higher Education Forum Friday, Sept. 28.

The program will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. in Health and Human Services Building Rooms 1711A and B.

“These Future of Higher Education Forums are designed to discuss diverse topics that will benefit everyone on campus by featuring the expertise of our faculty and staff,” said Dr. Amy Thompson, interim associate vice provost of faculty affairs and professor of public health. “We plan to hold forums once a month during the academic year.”

Topics and presenters at this month’s forum will be:

- “Counseling Center Resources” by Dr. Mychail Scheramic, director of the UT Counseling Center.
- “Role Plays on How to Help and Refer Students” by Dr. Jason C. Levine, associate professor of

psychology and psychiatry, and director of the Psychology Clinic.

- “How to Assess At-Risk Students” by Dr. Lisa Pescara-Kovach, associate professor of educational psychology and director of the Center for Education and Targeted Violence and Suicide.
- “Sexual Assault Resources and How to Report an Incident” by Donald Kamm, director of the Title IX and compliance.

The Future of Higher Education Forums are coordinated by the Office of the Provost in collaboration with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the University Teaching Center.

Register for this month’s program and read more about the Future of Higher Education Forums, including how to submit proposals for upcoming events, at utoledo.edu/offices/provost/future-of-higher-education-forum.

Satellites to hold \$6 sale Sept. 26-28

The Satellites Auxiliary’s \$6 sale will take place Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 26-28, in UT Medical Center’s Four Seasons Bistro Atrium.

“We’ll have items for women, men and children, with great deals on fashion and seasonal accessories, as well as jewelry, gadgets and more,” said Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites Auxiliary.

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

Cash, credit cards and payroll deduction will be accepted.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit scholarships.

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

For more information on the sale, contact Brand at lynn.brand@utoledo.edu.

In memoriam

Marcia G. (Guttenberg) Friedman, Sylvania, Ohio, who was an administrative assistant in the Admissions Office for 20 years, retiring in the 1980s, died Sept. 14. She was 91.

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Opioid epidemic's impact on older adults topic of upcoming UT, BGSU seminar

By Tyrel Linkhorn

The University of Toledo is partnering with Bowling Green State University's Optimal Aging Institute, the Wood County Committee on Aging and the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio to hold an educational seminar for health-care professionals on how the opioid crisis is affecting older adults and what the community can do to help.

The program, called Opioid Misuse and Addiction Among Older Adults, will be held Friday, Oct. 5, from 7:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Penta Career Center in Perrysburg.

Among the scheduled speakers will be Lance Robertson, assistant secretary for aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Opioid abuse is often seen as a problem that only affects young adults, but experts say misuse among older Americans is a real and rapidly growing concern.

"We don't think of it as much in older adult populations, and it's probably not as prevalent, but it certainly is a problem that exists and needs to be addressed," said Dr. Victoria Steiner, associate professor in the UT School of Population Health and assistant director of the Center for Successful Aging.

Overdose incidents among older Americans are rising sharply. Earlier this year, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention reported the number of emergency room visits for suspected opioid overdoses among those aged 35 to 54 increased by 37 percent. Among those 55 or older, ER visits were up by 32 percent. More than 44 percent of overdose deaths in 2016 occurred in those 45 and older, the CDC reported.

Beyond overdoses, there are other unique concerns related to prescription opioid use in older populations.

"Even if they're not addicted, opioids can cause problems with breathing, with confusion and with falls in older adults," Steiner said. "There's also a risk that somebody else in the family could be diverting their medications."

Topics to be addressed at the seminar include warning signs that older adults may be suffering from opioid addiction; examples of situations that increase the risk for abuse or addiction; evidence-based pain management in the era of the opioid crisis; and public policy and resources for health-care professionals who work with older adults and their families.

"Older adults are interfacing with so many different health-care professionals and our hope with this Oct. 5 presentation is to bring in all these providers so they receive the same prevention education messages and recognize the importance of

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Penta Career Center
9301 Buck Rd, Perrysburg, OH 43551

assessing opioid use and misuse," said Dr. Nancy Orel, executive director of research at BGSU's Optimal Aging Institute and interim chair of the Department of Human Services.

Though the event is open to the public, it's geared specifically toward health-care and elder-care professionals.

Registration must be completed by Friday, Sept. 28. Continuing medical education credits are available for a number of professional disciplines.

To register or for more information, call 419.383.4237 or visit cme.utoledo.edu.

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- Health Savings Account contributions for the Blue Medical Plan also will move from two to three tiers, so employees may be able to contribute more in pre-tax dollars. (Participants must participate in the Healthy U program and complete the health risk assessment by Friday, Nov. 16.) Contributions:
 - > Single, \$500; or if Healthy U requirements are met, \$800.
 - > Single plus one, \$750; or if Healthy U requirements are met, \$1,200.
 - > Family, \$1,000; or if Healthy U requirements are met, \$1,600.

- IRS employee contribution limits will increase — single, \$3,500; single plus one and family, \$7,000. "It's important that all eligible employees complete open enrollment this year because flexible spending, dependent care and Health Savings Account information won't automatically roll over to 2019," said Kate Johnson, manager for benefits. "Employees who do not complete open enrollment will not be able to receive Health Savings Account contributions from the University."
 - Also, dependents ages 19 to 26 will be removed if open enrollment isn't completed; employees must verify child dependent status in the open enrollment tool, and

all documentation must be provided by Friday, Nov. 30, Johnson said. Additionally, the spousal coverage affidavit must be completed every year for most plans.

Before making benefit selections, eligible employees are encouraged to take time to review all plan details available at utoledo.edu/depts/hr/benefits/open-enrollment. Also, employees may want to review details for the Health Savings Account, which uses pre-tax dollars to cover many health-related expenses to help employees save money.

Two Employee Benefit Fairs will be held to review general plan details and answer specific employee questions:

- Wednesday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Morse Center Basketball Courts on Health Science Campus; and
 - Thursday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Recreation Center Auxiliary Gym on Main Campus.
- Beginning Oct. 1, employees may complete open enrollment by logging in to their account on the myUT portal. Under Benefits Information on the left, select 2019 Open Enrollment to start the process.
- Employees with questions or needing help with completing their open enrollment may contact benefits@utoledo.edu or 419.530.1470.

Events slated for Muslim Heritage Month at UT

The University of Toledo will shine a spotlight on Muslim Heritage Month with several events planned in October.

“Muslim Heritage Month is a time for all of us, regardless of faith, to remember who we are and where we came from,” Adil Hasan, president of the Muslim Student Association, said. “We hope that this month brings the opportunity for all of us at The University of Toledo to come together and welcome different traditions and beliefs.”

Listed by date, events facilitated through the Office of Multicultural Student Success and the Muslim Student Association include:

- Monday, Oct. 1 — Muslim Heritage Month Kickoff, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thompson Student Union Trimble Lounge. Stop by for baklava and henna, and learn about Islam from members of the Muslim Student Association.
- Friday, Oct. 5 — Public Jumma Prayer, noon to 1 p.m., Centennial Mall. The Muslim community on campus and in the Toledo area will come together for the annual prayer.
- Wednesday, Oct. 10 — Muslim Heritage Tabling, noon to 2 p.m., Thompson Student Union. Come learn about Islam and meet members of the Muslim Student Association.
- Wednesday, Oct. 17 — Muslim Heritage Month Keynote Address by Sheikh Alaa Elsayed, 6 p.m., Thompson Student Union Auditorium. He is director of public relations for Mercy Mission, director of religious affairs at the Islamic Center of Canada/ISNA-Canada, chair of the National Zakat Fund, and tutor for the Alkauthar Institute.
- Wednesday, Oct. 24 — Warm up with the Muslim Student Association, noon to 2 p.m., Thompson Student Union Room 2500. Stop by for hot chocolate and coffee.
- Friday, Oct. 26 — Toledo Museum of Art Visit, 5 p.m., Thompson Student Union Room 2500. Register for a free meal and trip to the Toledo Museum of Art. Go to webforms.utoledo.edu/form/82550034439.

For more information on events, go to utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss/history_and_heritage/muslimheritagemonth.html.

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For a list of events, visit utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss.
For more information, contact the Office of Multicultural Student Success at 419.530.2261.

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