

Therapy dog and educator inspire, energize children at local schools

By Vicki L. Kroll

Instant smiles. It's almost a whiteout inside Reynolds Elementary School.

Hazel, the therapy dog, is in the hallway, and happiness abounds.

It's just another day for the sweet, outgoing golden retriever and her owner, Dr. Dawn Sandt, associate professor in the Department of Early Childhood, Higher Education and Special Education.

"Hazel!" yelled a boy in the preschool special-needs classroom, alerting all to the visitors.

"Do you want to go see Hazel?" teacher Bridget Harding asked as the children walked and crawled toward the therapy dog that laid down and was content literally being the center of attention.

"Get your pets in," Harding encouraged the kids sitting around their four-legged friend. "Let's talk about Hazel's tail today. She's wagging her tail. When she's happy,

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Photo by Sam Smolenski

REACHING OUT: Marquis, a student at Reynolds Elementary School, petted Hazel, a therapy dog, as owner Dr. Dawn Sandt watched.

UT to host Opioid Summit April 10

By Christine Billau

The University of Toledo is hosting an Opioid Summit to connect UT researchers, physicians and community partners with state leaders to advance collaborations that can help address the crisis affecting Ohio.

The summit will take place Tuesday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Libbey Hall and will feature speakers who will discuss the opioid epidemic in Ohio and share the state's focus areas and funding priorities to address the issue.

"This summit provides an opportunity to further current initiatives, identify new collaborations, and connect with community contributors in addressing this major public-health problem," said Dr. Linda Lewandowski, dean of the UT College of Nursing and co-chair of the committee leading UT's opioid task force.

"Opioid abuse, addiction and overdoses affect families of every socio-demographic group," said Dr. Amy Thompson, professor of public health and co-chair of the committee leading UT's opioid task force. "Our research, education and service activities can help make a difference in the state of Ohio, as well as the nation."

Charles See, vice chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, will speak at 9:15 a.m. in a presentation about the role of higher education in solving the opiates problem and supporting addicted students.

Dr. Mark Hurst, medical director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, will speak at 9:45 a.m. about strategic priorities, funding opportunities and resources through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Panel discussions will include representatives from the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team, Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Medicaid.

As Ohio and the nation struggle to stem the opioid epidemic, UT's faculty, researchers and students are creating new, innovative solutions to address and prevent new users from forming addictions; developing methods for greater access to treatment and preventing the likelihood

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Coach inks it



Head Men's Basketball Coach Tod Kowalczyk will be courtside for the Rockets through the 2022-23 season, thanks to a contract extension announced last week. Kowalczyk was named the Rockets' head coach in March 2010 and is tied for third place on Toledo's all-time victory list with 142 wins. He has guided UT to a 104-62 (.627) win-loss mark over the last five seasons with the Rockets' victory total during that span ranking second in the Mid-American Conference. Included in that win total is a school-record 27-7 ledger in 2013-14, as well as a 23-11 campaign this past season that is tied for the third most victories in program history. During the 2017-18 season, Toledo captured its seventh MAC West Division title, appeared in its sixth MAC Tournament Championship Game, and saw senior guard Tre'Shaun Fletcher become the program's first MAC Player of the Year since 1981. The Rockets ranked No. 1 in the MAC and 14th nationally with a 40.1 three-point field goal percentage, a mark that ranks second in school history. The Rockets also have displayed tremendous academic success under Kowalczyk. UT has garnered the National Association of Basketball Coaches Team Academic Excellence Award in three of the last four seasons, one of just 12 programs in the nation to be honored.

Photo by Daniel Miller

National recognition



UT senior Tre'Shaun Fletcher, shown here on Senior Night with his daughter, Malina, was named to the Associated Press All-America Honorable Mention Team and the Lou Henson All-America Team last week. Fletcher enjoyed a storybook season for the Rockets as he became UT's first Mid-American Conference Player of the Year since 1981 in addition to being a first-team All-MAC selection. He was instrumental in Toledo posting a 23-11 win-loss mark, capturing the MAC West Division title with a 13-5 league record, and appearing in the MAC Championship Game. A 6-foot-7, 205-pound guard, Fletcher ranked third in the MAC with 18.1 points per game and fourth with 8.0 rebounds per game and 4.3 assists per game, and was the only player to appear in the top 15 of all three categories.

Photo by Daniel Miller

UT community asked to complete campus survey on sexual misconduct and relationship violence

The University of Toledo's students, faculty and staff are asked to complete an anonymous online survey to continue UT's ongoing discussion about relationship and sexual violence and its impact on campus.

The deadline for the survey, which was emailed to campus March 13, is Friday, April 6.

Students can take the online survey at surveymonkey.com/r/ut_2018_student, and faculty and staff can visit surveymonkey.com/r/ut_2018_staff to complete the survey.

It takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes to complete.

"Our campus is striving to become a leader in education, prevention and awareness efforts to prevent sexual violence, and this is one tool that helps us do that," said Dr. Phillip "Flapp" Cockrell, vice president for student affairs. "Your feedback will help us tailor our education and prevention programming to our campus needs. An important step in continuing to develop programming for our campus, as well as change our campus culture, includes assessing the campus experience and listening to the voices of our UT community members."

UT is conducting this survey in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Higher Education's Changing Campus Culture initiative.

‘What Were You Wearing?’ art exhibit kicks off Sexual Assault Awareness Month events

By Christine Billau

An art installation titled “What Were You Wearing?” will be on display for one week at The University of Toledo to kick off a series of events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The free exhibit hosted by UT’s Title IX Office is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 2, through Friday, April 6, in Carlson Library Room 1005.

“What Were You Wearing?” is a collection of 24 survivors’ stories and recreations of the outfits they were wearing at the time of their assaults. The goal of the “What Were You Wearing?” project is to debunk the common rape myth that sexual violence happens because someone dresses a certain way or that they are “asking for it.”

UT President Sharon L. Gaber will speak at the opening reception for the exhibit at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 2.

The exhibit has been presented on campuses across the U.S. since it was created in 2013 and changes at each campus based on the submissions of the survivors of sexual assault in each location.

“This exhibit corresponds with Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the national conversation about what victims were wearing,” Gaber said. “Across the country, we are seeing gymnasts courageously stand up for their leotards after others publicly and wrongly blame their clothing as a cause for sexual abuse. The powerful exhibit at The University of Toledo should help all of us to move away from placing fault and shame on the victims of sexual violence and instead place the responsibility on those who cause harm.”

“Clothing has nothing to do with sexual assault,” said Donald Kamm, director of Title IX and compliance at UT. “The exhibit provides a tangible response to one of culture’s greatest sexual assault myths.”

Other events planned for Sexual Assault Awareness Month throughout April include:

- **Monday, April 2** — Sexual Assault Awareness Jeopardy from noon to 1 p.m. in Carlson Library Room 1005. Hosted by the YWCA Hope Rape Crisis Center, UT’s campus advocate will lead a trivia game on sexual assault awareness facts to learn more about the issue of sexual assault and resources on campus.
- **Monday, April 2, through Friday, April 6** — Red Flag Campaign. Hosted by the Title IX Office, red flags will be displayed in Centennial Mall to represent the 316 individuals



Photo by Jennifer Sprague/University of Kansas

“What Were You Wearing?” will be on display Monday, April 2, through Friday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Carlson Library Room 1005. The art installation shown here was at the University of Kansas.

who reported rape in the city of Toledo in 2016.

- **Tuesday, April 3** — “Interpersonal Violence” from noon to 1 p.m. in Carlson Library Room 1005. The presentation is hosted by sexual assault nurse examiners at The University of Toledo Medical Center.
- **Wednesday, April 4** — Bringing in the Bystander from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Carlson Library Room 1005. Title IX leaders at UT will explore different strategies to help a friend or acquaintance by safely intervening in instances of sexual violence, relationship violence or stalking.
- **Thursday, April 5** — Safe Place Training from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Carlson Library Room 1005. A Safe Place is a confidential place free from homophobia, transphobia, biphobia and heterosexism where people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, asexual, transgender, genderqueer, non-binary, queer or questioning can feel welcome, safe and included. During Safe Place Training, which will be hosted by the Office of Multicultural Student Success, participants are provided information on common issues and challenges faced by LGBTQ+ individuals, what it means to be an LGBTQ ally, as well as international, national, state, local and UT resources.
- **Tuesday, April 10** — Self-defense class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Horton International House Multi-Purpose Room on the sixth floor. The UT Police Department offers a self-defense class open to all UT students, faculty and staff. Participants will learn personal safety tips as well as self-defense tactics in a safe and comfortable setting. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.
- **Thursday, April 12** — The Clothesline Project from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Centennial Mall (rain location: Thompson Student Union Trimble Lounge). The event, which is hosted by the UT Center for Student Advocacy and Wellness, is an avenue for those affected by sexual violence to express their emotions through writings and drawings on a symbolic T-shirt. The shirt is hung on a clothesline to be viewed by others as testimony to the issue of sexual violence.
- **Wednesday, April 18** — Walk a Mile in Her Shoes from noon to 2:30 p.m. in Centennial Mall. During the event hosted by UT sorority Alpha Chi Omega, participants will be challenged by a colleague or friend to walk a mile in high heels with proceeds benefiting a local domestic violence shelter.
- **Monday, April 23, through Friday, April 27** — A Cup of Prevention.

Stickers with resource information will be on every coffee sleeve purchased from Starbucks in the Thompson Student Union and Java City in Rocket Hall while supplies last. As part of the #UTtogether campaign, the information is being distributed to raise awareness on sexual misconduct prevention resources available to students, faculty and staff.

- **Wednesday, April 25** — Denim Day. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to wear jeans to raise awareness of sexual violence. Stop by the Title IX and YWCA Hope Center’s tables in the Thompson Student Union from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to learn more.
- What Goes Unseen from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Room 2582. The Office of Multicultural Student Success and the Center for Student Advocacy and Wellness are hosting a presentation on the truth about sexual assault and domestic violence in the Latino community.
- **Saturday, April 28** — Take Back the Night from 6 to 10 p.m. at Rogers High School, 222 McTigue Drive. The annual event protests all forms of violence against women.

For more information, visit utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/saapp/events.html.

RSVP for University Women's Commission awards luncheon

The University Women's Commission will hold its awards luncheon Wednesday, April 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Savage Arena Joe Grogan Room.

Sherry Stanfa-Stanley, director of foundation and development communications at the UT Foundation, will be the guest speaker. She is the author of "Finding My Badass Self: A Year of Truths and Dares." The 1983 UT alumna will discuss her misadventures, going outside one's comfort zone, and feeling empowered through humor.



Stanfa-Stanley

Several employees will be honored with the Dr. Alice Skeens Outstanding Woman Award, and several students will receive scholarships.

The event is free for members of the University Women's Commission and \$15 for non-members.

To join the commission, the



membership fee for one year is \$25. Go to utoledo.edu/commissions/uwc.

All proceeds go toward the commission's scholarship fund.

RSVPs are requested by Friday, April 6, to taylor.knight2@rockets.utoledo.edu.

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of relapse after treatment; and educating students and peers about opioid addiction and resources to seek help.

For example, a cross-disciplinary team that includes doctors and engineers is working to create a wearable device for opioid addicts that notifies the addict's sponsor or 911 to indicate relapse or health distress from drug abuse. Also, researchers in pharmacology and experimental therapeutics are designing a drug that targets a receptor in the brain to limit dopamine release, thereby preventing opioid addiction and reducing withdrawal symptoms in addicted patients.

Faculty in the College of Nursing and the School of Population Health recently received a grant from Cardinal Health to promote prevention of opioid abuse by teaching fifth- through eighth-graders and their families about safe prescription drug use and storage.

In April 2017, UT Medical Center opened an inpatient detox program under the medical direction of Dr. Tanvir Singh, UTMC psychiatrist. This is the first and only hospital-based program in the region.

UT's opioid task force was created by President Sharon L. Gaber to bring together researchers, physicians and educators across the University working on issues related to the opioid crisis.

The summit is among the committee's activities to advance research and identify opportunities for additional partnerships and funding sources to support more collaborative projects.

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she wags it back and forth. Ricardo, where's your tail? Do you have a tail?"

Ricardo shook his head no, beaming as he ran his hand over Hazel's soft coat.

Sandt knelt next to Hazel; she held the dog's leash and monitored all interactions.

Then it was on to a classroom to see medically fragile students.

Hazel walked up to teacher Leah Richter. After soaking up compliments and a few pats, Hazel melted into the floor and flipped over, and Richter obliged with a belly rub.

"That's her shtick — she says 'Hi' and rolls over," Sandt said and laughed. "She likes it here."

Watching it all from her wheelchair was Ireland, who could not stop smiling.

"You love it when Hazel and Dawn come!" Richter said to Ireland.

With encouragement from Sandt, Hazel put her paws on the edge of Ireland's chair — and the girl grinned.

Then it was time to see the younger medically fragile students.

Marquis, a student seated on the floor, clapped and started humming when Hazel trotted into the room.

"We have a gift! We have doggy tennis balls for Hazel," paraprofessional Zippy Keith announced.

The children took turns tossing the ball for the canine. For the first time, Lee picked up a ball and handed it to Hazel.

Meanwhile, teacher Liz Bishop told Tessa she needed to complete her assignment so she could see Hazel.

"We're all so happy to see Hazel. We enjoy her," Keith said as the kids petted the retriever.

"Aren't you glad you got your work done?" Bishop asked Tessa, who lit up when Hazel gently stood up on the side of her wheelchair.

"Thank you for the visit," paraprofessional Melissa Falkenberg said as Sandt and Hazel left.

"The best part of making the rounds with Hazel is seeing students progress toward their individualized goals and realizing Hazel did contribute to that progress in some way," Sandt said.

Sandt and Hazel have been visiting students at Reynolds Elementary for two years.

"We started in the classrooms where students were medically fragile. Hazel does well in those classrooms because she is willing to initiate contact with the children," Sandt said. "The children have opportunities to track her with their eyes, reach out to

pet her, and grasp and drop a ball for her to retrieve.

"We wanted to go into that classroom because the medically fragile population need intensive interventions, and I thought Hazel could help with communication and social interaction, as well as some range of motion activities."

Indeed, the pretty pooch that will turn 4 in August does just that. Tessa communicated with her assistive device so she could see Hazel, and Lee had a breakthrough by picking up a tennis ball.

"The teachers, nurses and I thought that was pretty extraordinary for [Lee], who is medically fragile and also has sensory issues. The nurse said he had never shown that type of initiative before," Sandt said.

"I like watching the preschool students interact with Hazel," she said. "This gives the students a chance to learn about dogs, their body parts, how they move, and how to care for them. The preschool students are learning content knowledge — for example, same vs different — and functional skills like waiting their turn, asking permission to pet, communicating their name and Hazel's name. These are relevant skills they can use in kindergarten and in the community."

The duo also visits McTigue Elementary School.

"The administration and teachers within Toledo Public Schools have been wonderful to Hazel, and it is work that makes a difference," Sandt said. "Wherever we go, the teachers appreciate the opportunity to interact with her."

Dr. Virginia Keil, interim dean of the Judith Herb College of Education, said Sandt and Hazel are an example of how faculty collaborate with Toledo Public Schools.

"Dawn is deeply committed to working with our school partners to provide support for medically fragile children with special needs along with the educators in these classrooms," Keil said. "Therapy dogs like Hazel are desperately needed to provide affection, comfort and love, which can help to improve the lives of the children they have visited.

"Watching Dawn and Hazel work together to support these children is heart-warming. Their work is an invaluable service to the community."

"There is growing evidence that animals in school settings have potential benefits on cognitive and socio-emotional behavior, as well as physiological responses of children," Sandt said. "However, there is a need for a larger evidence base of



Photos by Sam Smolenski

REST STOP: Dr. Dawn Sandt said Hazel would go home and sleep after visiting children at Reynolds Elementary School.



SPECIAL FRIEND: Dr. Dawn Sandt, right, and Reynolds Elementary School teacher Leah Richter, center, watched as Hazel visited Ireland.

studies that are designed with more rigor and adhere to strict protocols for human and animal welfare and safety."

To that end, Sandt is working with Dr. Janet Hoy-Gerlach, associate professor in the UT Social Work Program and author of the book, "Human-Animal Interactions: A Social Work Guide." They have applied for a grant to explore how therapy dogs can be used in applied behavior analysis interventions for students with disabilities.

Sandt has another golden retriever, Rusty. The 2-year-old is training to be a therapy dog.

"I can't imagine doing anything else with the time I have on this earth," she said as she gave Hazel a treat.

Supreme Court case on credit card, antitrust litigation topic of April 9 talk

By Diana Case

Eric Murphy, state solicitor of Ohio, recently argued *Ohio v. American Express* before the Supreme Court of the United States.

He will discuss the case Monday, April 9, at noon in the Law Center McQuade Auditorium.

The pending case could impact the credit-card industry and antitrust litigation. Ohio is leading the petition for appeal that affects 11 states.

The case focuses on “anti-steering” rules set by American Express that prevent merchants from steering customers to competitors’ credit cards with lower transaction fees. A district court in New York held that the rules violated Section 1 of the Sherman Act because they led to higher credit-card prices for merchants, higher retail prices for consumers, and stifled inter-brand price competition.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit reversed this decision, leading Ohio and 10 other states to seek U.S. Supreme Court review.

Oral arguments were held Feb. 26 with a decision expected by July.

Murphy was appointed state solicitor of Ohio by Attorney General Mike DeWine in 2013. He also manages the Appeals Section of the Ohio Attorney General’s Office.

He served as a law clerk for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Murphy holds degrees from Miami University and the University of Chicago Law School.



Murphy

His free, public talk titled “Representing the State in the Supreme Court: *Ohio v. American Express*” is presented as part of the UT College of Law’s “Day After” Speaker Series that features cases recently argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. Light refreshments will be served.

Summer leave, voluntary reduction in hours program available

By Christine Wasserman

As part of ongoing efforts to manage expenses and assist employees with work-life balance, The University of Toledo once again will offer voluntary summer leave and reduced work schedules to eligible employees.

Starting in May, academic employees (including college departmental), non-hospital administrative and staff employees on all campuses may take advantage of programs allowing voluntary, unpaid leaves of absence and reduction in work hours.

“The University highly encourages eligible employees and departments to explore this opportunity,” said Wendy Davis, associate vice president and chief human resources officer. “It’s a great way for employees to spend extra time with loved ones and rejuvenate before fall semester, while also helping the University to reduce labor expenditures in departments where workloads are usually lighter during the summer.”

The program is available to eligible staff from May through August. Employees must obtain prior approval from their supervisor, based on their department’s business needs.

Request forms and details regarding changes in benefits, sick and vacation time accruals, retirement contributions, and other related topics are explained in the Voluntary Summer Reduced Hours information on Human Resources’ webpage at utoledo.edu/depts/hr/ in the “Employee Toolkit” section.

If you have any questions after reviewing this information, contact Human Resources at 419.530.4747.

Thank you



Photos by Katie Miller



Among those stopping by the Physicians Lounge in the Four Seasons Bistro Café for a piece of cake to celebrate National Doctor’s Day Friday were Dr. Dawn Alita Hernandez, who specializes in pulmonary medicine, and Dr. Dinkar Kaw, who specializes in nephrology; both are faculty members in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. The day celebrates physicians’ contributions to their patients and communities.

UT Rocketfest to offer live entertainment, giveaways April 5

By Jessica A. Guice

See you at Rocketfest! The University of Toledo's Campus Activities and Programming and Inter-Fraternity Council will host Rocketfest Thursday, April 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. in lot 25 by Rocket Hall.

The event will include live music performances from DJ Sharkbait and three student bands: Chloe and the Steel Strings, Ice Cream Militia and homegrownups.

Food truck vendors will include Jimmy G's BBQ, Rosie Rolling Chef and Jeanie's Comfort Cuisine. Food coupons will be provided for UT students.

The event will serve as a study break to de-stress students from upcoming project deadlines and final exams. In addition, it will welcome spring and promote the budding talents of UT musicians.

"It is a great opportunity to connect with communities and strengthen the on-campus involvement," said Aanchal Senapati, director of live events and entertainment with Campus Activities and Programming. "It will instill a sense of community pride."

There also will be ticket giveaways for concerts by Sam Smith and Kendrick Lamar. In addition, tickets will be given out for Cedar Point, Bonaroo Music Festival, Faster Horses Music Festival and the 16th Edition Number Fest.

Started by Campus Activities and Programming and the Inter-Fraternity Council, the event is co-sponsored by Coca-Cola.

"This event builds new strategic partnerships between Campus Activities and Programming and the Inter-Fraternity Council to build a more collaborative UT community," said Doryin Thames, vice president of operations for the Inter-Fraternity Council. "It is to provide a great time for everyone."

The event is free for students and community members; entry wristbands will be given at the registration table.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, the event will be moved into the Thompson Student Auditorium.

For more information on the event, contact Campus Activities and Programming at capactivities@utoledo.edu.

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UT to stage Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' as theatre in the round

By Angela Riddel

The University of Toledo Department of Theatre and Film will stage Shakespeare's "The Tempest" in the round when it presents the play Friday through Sunday, April 6-8 and 13-15, in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre.

Curtain time will be 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Dr. Edmund Lingan, professor and chair of theatre and film, will direct the play.

"The Tempest" is Shakespeare's last play and one of his shortest. Lingan said audiences can expect a light, comic treatment of the work that is suitable for all ages.

The plot of the play centers on Prospero, the duke of Milan, and his daughter who find themselves trapped on a deserted island after having been abandoned by his enemies at sea. Among their few provisions are some books on magic, which Prospero calls upon to help him exact his revenge.

Lingan said some believe that the character, Prospero, one of the most famous magicians in all of English literature, was based on the real-life John Dee, astrologer to Queen Elizabeth I of England. Dee, along with Edward Kelley, is credited with creating Enochian magic, a system of ceremonial magic that also featured a secret language. Dee and Kelley claimed to have received from angelic visions.

UT's production of "The Tempest" is set upon a circular rotating stage that is designed as a magician's magic circle and features symbols described in Dee's Enochian manuscripts.

The play also will feature choreography developed by UT alumna Won Hee Kim and original music composed by Scott Hunt, a faculty member of the UT Music Department, who received his master's degree in music from the University in 2017.

The cast features UT students Kurt T. Elfering, a junior majoring in religious studies, as Prospero; Faith Murphy, a sophomore theatre major, as Caliban; Kenzie N. Phillips, a junior majoring in theatre with a minor in environmental science, as Ariel; Becca M. Lusic, a sophomore theatre major, as Miranda; Michael R. Miller, a sophomore majoring in bioengineering, as Ferdinand; Josh Keidan, a doctoral student in the Judith Herb College of Education, as Gonzalo/Spirit/Reaper; Kevin Upham, a junior theatre major with a minor in visual arts, as Antonio/Spirit/Reaper; Bryan Harkins, a senior theatre major, as Sebastian/Spirit/Reaper; Drew Michael Young, a senior theatre major, as Alonso (King)/Spirit/Reaper; Hanna L.

Gerlica, a sophomore majoring in pharmacy, as Francisco/Master of the Ship/Spirit; Shaquira Jackson, a junior majoring in theatre performance, as Ceres/Boatswain/Spirit; Alexis Johnson, a senior theatre major, as Adrian/Iris/Spirit; Michael James Vanderpool, a senior majoring in theatre with a minor in music, as Trinculo/Spirit; David Wanhainen, a philosophy major, as Stefano/Spirit; and Emily E. Meyer, a senior majoring in theatre with a minor in Japanese, as Spirit.

Rounding out the cast are Keely-Rain Battle, a 2015 alumna who received a bachelor of arts degree in theatre, as Juno/Spirit, and Grace E. Mulinix, a student at Toledo Early College High School, as Spirit.

Making it happen behind the scenes are Daniel Thobias, assistant professor of theatre, set designer; Katelyn Justice, freshman theatre major, assistant set designer; Caribbea Danko-McGhee, 2013 UT alumna who received a bachelor of arts degree in theatre, as props designer/master; Stephen Sakowski, assistant professor of theatre, as lighting/sound designer; Ryan Peters-Hieber, junior theatre major with design and tech concentration, assistant lighting designer and associate sound designer; Holly Monsos, associate dean of the College of Arts and Letters, and professor of theatre, costume designer; Logan Fleming, freshman theatre major, assistant costume designer; Sean P. Freeman, a sophomore majoring in economics, stage manager; and Emily R. Wemple, English major with a minor in theatre and Spanish, assistant stage manager.

Tickets are \$8 for students and children; \$10 for UT faculty, staff and alumni, and military members and seniors; and \$15 for the general public. Call 419.530.ARTS (2787) or order online at utoledo.tix.com. Tickets also will be available at the door.



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MAGICAL PRODUCTION: Student cast members rehearsed a scene from "The Tempest."

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International dinner to take place April 6

By Jessica A. Guice

The International Students Association will celebrate cultural diversity by hosting the 42nd annual international dinner with the theme, “The Masquerade Ball.”

The dinner will take place Friday, April 6, at 6 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium.

The event will begin with dinner, where attendees have the opportunity to try different cuisines from all around the world.

It also will feature traditional performances by all of UT’s international student organizations.

Grisoranyel Barrios, vice president of the UT International Students Association,

believes the performances will be extraordinary.

“The organizations spend all semester preparing for this night, so the performances are quite phenomenal,” she said.

The event is a way for international students to showcase their countries and emphasize cultural diversity.

Awards will be given to the organizations, and new members of the International Students Association executive board will be announced.

With more than 500 students attending last year, the event brings the UT community closer.

“The international students are always proud and excited to be able to share their cultures with the UT community,” Barrios said. “This event always seems to bring students from all spectrums of the University together, which is always a neat aspect and one that we want to continue to grow.”

The International Students Association encourages more domestic student organizations to participate in the event.

“This event has a tremendous impact because it is an opportunity for students to share a glimpse of their home while being extremely far away from home,” Barrios said. “Every year, I feel so proud of going

to a university that so actively supports the international students in the way the UT community does.”

Tickets are \$15 in advance at Ask Rocky and will be \$20 at the door.

Formal attire is recommended for the dinner.

For more information on the event, contact the International Students Association at utoledoisa@gmail.com.

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The Masquerade Ball

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UT professor to discuss ‘Sufism: The Kaleidoscope of the Soul’

By Ashley Diel

“Sufism: The Kaleidoscope of the Soul” is the topic of the annual Imam Khattab Lecture on Islamic Thought.

Dr. Ovamir Anjum, UT Imam Khattab Endowed Chair of Islamic Studies, will give the free, public lecture Tuesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. in the Law Center McQuade Auditorium.

Sufism is the mystical belief and practice in which Muslims seek to find the truth of divine love and wisdom through their direct personal experience of God. It emphasizes the inward search for God and shuns materialism.

“Sufism has a universal language that speaks to everyone, and it has a universal concern, that of how to relate to the totality of existence, to the ultimate reality and to the ordinary reality, in other words, to God and God’s creation,” Anjum said. “It also has a universal language, that of art, poetry and beauty at large, which can help everyone, regardless of what religion or tradition they profess, to find deeper meaning in life.”

The event is part of the UT Center for Religious Understanding’s annual lecture series, which has been active for more than a decade. The center promotes a deeper understanding of religion on campus and throughout greater Toledo.

“I will share some specific instances of Sufi wisdom, such as the poetry of Rumi and words of the inimitable woman, the lover of the divine, Rabi’a of Basra,” Anjum said.

RSVPs are appreciated: utoledo.edu/al.



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Sufism: The Kaleidoscope of the Soul

By Ovamir Anjum, PhD

Imam Khattab Endowed Chair of Islamic Studies
The University of Toledo

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018

7 p.m.

McQuade Law Auditorium

The University of Toledo College of Law

This lecture is free and open to the public, with a dessert reception afterward.

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For additional information,
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Varsity 'T' Hall of Fame nominations due April 15

Nominations for the 2018 class of the Varsity 'T' Hall of Fame are being accepted through Sunday, April 15.

Nominations may come from any source. Nominations from previous years automatically carry over to the next year.

Criteria are:

- Any athlete who has performed with distinction at The University of Toledo. The athlete need not necessarily be a graduate.
- Any athlete who has been out of the University for at least five years and who has demonstrated good citizenship since leaving UT. For the 2018 class, nominees must not have been active on or after July 1, 2013.
- Any coach, administrator, trainer, etc. who has served The University of Toledo with distinction for a period of at least five years and who has been retired or resigned or otherwise disenfranchised from

his/her position for a period of at least five years. For the 2018 class, nominees must not have been active on or after July 1, 2013.

The nomination form can be found at http://utrockets.com/documents/2018/2/2//nomination_form.pdf?id=10181.

Email the nomination form along with all supporting data to Paul Helgren at paul.helgren@utoledo.edu.

Nominations also can be mailed to:

Paul Helgren
The University of Toledo
Athletic Communications Office
MS 302
2801 W. Bancroft St.
Toledo, OH 43606

The Varsity 'T' Hall of Fame banquet will be held in the fall, with the 2018 class being presented at halftime of a Toledo football game.

UT ROTC Army golf outing to raise funds

By Jessica A. Guice

The University of Toledo Army ROTC Program will hold a golf outing Saturday, April 7, at 9 a.m. at the Heatherdowns Country Club, 3910 Heatherdowns Blvd. in Toledo.

The purpose of this event is to raise funds for training opportunities for ROTC cadets next year. In addition, it gives cadets the opportunity to plan an event.

"These competitions are instrumental in developing the leadership attributes of our cadets," said Capt. Anny Novareyes, UT assistant professor of military science. "Our cadets represent our program and the best of The University of Toledo."

Cadet Eric Kocsis, event coordinator, said the golf outing is a way to bring the community together.

"The golf outing allows the community to interact and meet with cadets in the Army ROTC Program," he said. "It bridges the gap between the program and the community."



The money raised from this event will go toward future programs in ROTC that allow cadets to compete with peers from universities nationwide.

The cost of the golf outing is \$65 per person. It includes a four-person scramble, green fee and a lunch buffet.

Checks should be made to Toledo Army ROTC, and payments may be made through Venmo to ADJBranch.

To make a donation to the program or for further information, contact Cadet Addison Brancheau at 734.770.9921 or Kocsis at 440.251.4303.

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RSVP for service awards ceremony

The UT Employee Service Recognition Program will be held Monday, April 23, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Radisson on Health Science Campus.

About 750 employees will be honored for their years of working at the University.

“This recognition program is an additional way for us to formally thank and celebrate staff members who have dedicated their careers to helping others,” stated UT President Sharon L. Gaber. “Our people are our greatest asset, and it’s their exemplary, day-to-day performance that helps our students to succeed and our patients to receive exceptional care.”

“The University of Toledo is a special place to work, and that’s because of our dedicated employees,” said Wendy Davis, associate vice president for human resources and chief human resources officer. “Employees make UT feel like home for so many — students, patients and their peers.”

Service awards will be presented to eligible employees who achieved their milestone anniversary during the calendar year of 2017. Those who have worked at the

University five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years will be recognized with service pins and awards during the ceremony.

UT shuttle service will be provided from Main and Scott Park campuses to the Radisson. The bus will leave from the Thompson Student Union bus circle at 1:15 p.m., stop by the Transportation Center at approximately 1:21 p.m., Parkside Boulevard at Scott Park about 1:28 p.m., and Mulford Library around 1:38 p.m., arriving at the Radisson at 1:45 p.m. The return shuttle will leave at 4:45 p.m. and hit those locations in reverse order.

Additional gift pickup times on all campuses will be available for those who are eligible for an award but are not able to attend the ceremony.

For additional information and the complete list of award recipients, visit utoledo.edu/depts/hr/employee-engagement/awards.

Those attending the ceremony are asked to RSVP by Friday, April 13, to serviceawards@utoledo.edu.



In memoriam

Alma G. Hannah, Toledo, a UT retiree who was a volunteer with the Satellites Auxiliary, died March 9 at age 94.

American Red Cross to host blood drive at University

By Jessica A. Guice

The American Red Cross will be on campus Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11, for the annual UT Blood Drive.

The American Red Cross supplies blood to two dozen hospitals in the area, and thousands of lives are saved from those who contribute.

Donors can give:

- Tuesday, April 10 — Thompson Student Union Ingman Room, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 11 — Engineering Brady Center, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

“25 percent of our blood products comes from universities and high schools,” said Erica Holland, account manager of Henry and Fulton counties, Sylvania and Holland American Red Cross Blood Services.

Low supply of blood donations puts hospitals at risk for saving lives.



American Red Cross

“It is important to give blood because we have to collect 300 units of blood every day to help supply the 24 hospitals that we serve in the area,” Holland said. “If we fall short in donations, we fall short in our supply for our major area hospitals.”

Blood donations typically take up to one hour. That 60 minutes could save many.

While an appointment is not necessary, it is encouraged. A valid photo ID is required to give blood.

To schedule an appointment, donors should visit redcross.org and enter the sponsor code **UTMAIN**.

Donors also can call 1.800.RED.CROSS for more information.

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