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Commencement cheer



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Jeff Wadsworth, president and CEO of the Battelle Memorial Institute, right, received an honorary doctor of engineering from UT President Lloyd Jacobs.



Sandra Pianalto, president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, addressed graduates during the morning commencement ceremony.

Happy moments were everywhere during UT's recent commencement ceremonies. There were 3,041 candidates for degrees, including 886 candidates for doctoral, education specialist and master's degrees, and 2,155 for bachelor's and associate's degrees.

Digitally yours



Photos by Daniel Miller

Dave Hunke, chief strategy officer at Digerati and former president and publisher of USA Today, left, gave the keynote presentation at the uHeart Digital Media event Friday in the Student Union. He talked about how digital media helps connect the world and why that is a good thing. Among the advantages of a more connected world, Hunke said, are more ideas shared to better our world and potential advances in education.



Ben Bator, co-founder of TextsFromLastNight.com, right, shared how the website got started and some of his favorite texts during the uHeart Digital Media event. Bator explained how the team chooses which messages get published and why it decided to do so anonymously only identifying the individual by area code.

Faculty members recommended for promotion, tenure sent to full board

Several faculty members are in line to receive tenure and promotion pending the approval of the UT Board of Trustees, which meets Monday, May 13.

The Board of Trustees Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved the recommendations and sent the names of more than 50 faculty for consideration by the full board.

Faculty members recommended for tenure and promotion from assistant to associate professor are:

College of Business and Innovation

- Dr. Iryna Pentina, Marketing and International Business
- Dr. Jenell L.S. Wittmer, Management

College of Communication and the Arts

- Dr. Edmund Langan, Theatre and Film

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Pharmacy practice professor honored for outreach, volunteerism

Dr. Ken Alexander, UT professor of pharmacy practice, has received the Ohio Pharmacists Association's 2013 Bowl of Hygeia award for outstanding service to his community.

Presented at the association's annual conference last month in Columbus, the Bowl of Hygeia award is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations with support from Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc.

"I want to thank the Ohio Pharmacists Association and the nominating committee for selecting me to receive this award and Boehringer Ingelheim for sponsoring the award," Alexander said. "I was speechless at the presentation ceremony and did not express my gratitude to all present. I would like to take this time to acknowledge all who were responsible in making this happen."

"It is not out of the ordinary for pharmacists to be active in their communities, but Ken Alexander has clearly shown an unusually strong passion for service outside of his professional responsibilities," said Ernest Boyd, executive director of the Ohio Pharmacists Association. "His incredible community

devotion to Toledo and southeast Michigan is an inspiration to all who know and work with him."

Alexander's outreach efforts have touched many in the Toledo and southeast Michigan communities for nearly 40 years.

He has served on the board of directors of his synagogue, B'nai Israel, and the school boards of St. Mary's Parish in Monroe, Mich., and the Toledo Board of Jewish Education. In 2010, he became master of his local Masonic Lodge in Samaria, Mich., where he has raised funds for several causes.

Alexander is an Eagle Scout and has been active with Boy Scouts of America for more than 20 years. In addition, he has served as a science fair judge for several junior high and high schools, as well as the Southeast Michigan Science Fair.

He and his wife, Karen, have coached softball for various groups for several years. He also has volunteered at the Lucas County Hypertension Clinic and at a local methadone clinic.

Alexander received his pharmacy degrees from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, the University of Rhode Island and The University of Toledo, where he has been a faculty member since 1972.

At UT, he developed the master of science industrial pharmacy program in 1984, the bachelor of science in pharmaceutical science pharmaceuticals option in 2002, and the bachelor of science in pharmaceutical science cosmetic science option in 2011. He is the coordinator for all three programs.

He has mentored more than 100 master of science graduate students over the past 30 years, and he has more than 200 publications to his credit.

Alexander has been a past chair of the Section of Teachers of Pharmaceutics in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, a past president of the Toledo Area Society of Hospital Pharmacists and the Toledo Academy of Pharmacy, as well as district representative to the Ohio State Pharmaceutical Association and president of the Ohio Pharmacists Association in 1992.

Established in 1879, the Ohio Pharmacists Association represents more than 4,000 pharmacists, pharmacy educators



Photo by A.J. Zanyk Photography

HONORED: Dr. Ken Alexander received the Ohio Pharmacists Association's 2013 Bowl of Hygeia award for outstanding community service from Cindy Arnett of Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc.

and pharmacy students throughout the state. Its mission is to unite the profession of pharmacy and encourage interprofessional relations, while promoting public health through education, discussion and legislation.



Photo by Cameron Norton

HEAVY METAL: Workers watched the final beam of the Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center as it was placed last week. The beam, which displayed American and UT flags, was the final piece of more than 550 tons of steel used for the four-story building. Construction of the \$36 million, 60,000-square-foot center is expected to be complete by the end of the year.



Photo by Daniel Miller

THANK YOU: Dr. Ron Opp, associate professor of educational leadership and coordinator for the Higher Education Doctoral Program, showed off the certificate he received from Royal Canadian Navy Cmdr. Dan Manu-Popa, left, for helping Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Bradley Corlett, right, with his course work during deployment in the middle of the academic year. Thanks to Opp and Dr. David Meabon, associate professor of higher education, Corlett was able to catch up with his studies.

Faculty members

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Judith Herb College of Education

- Dr. Edward Cancio, Early Childhood, Physical and Special Education
- Dr. Noela Houghton, Educational Foundations and Leadership
- Dr. Snejana Slantcheva-Durst, Educational Foundations and Leadership

College of Engineering

- Dr. Youngwood Seo, Civil Engineering
- Dr. Sridhar Viamajala, Chemical Engineering
- Dr. Hong Wang, Engineering Technology

College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences

- Dr. Aliaksandr Amialchuk, Economics
- Dr. Ovamir Anjum, Philosophy

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

- Dr. Song-Tao Liu, Biological Sciences

Faculty recommended for promotion from associate professor to professor with tenure are:

College of Engineering

- Dr. Vijay Devabhaktuni, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

College of Law

- Jessica Knouse, Law

College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

- Dr. L.M. Viranga Tillekeratne, Medicinal and Biological Chemistry
- Dr. Ming-Cheh Liu, Pharmacology

Up for promotion to associate professor are:

College of Law

- Kara Bruce, Law
- Michelle Cavaliere, Law
- Gregory Gilchrist, Law



Faculty members who are up for tenure and promotion were honored at a luncheon last month in the Hotel Ballroom and posed for a photo along with their deans and department chairs after the event.

College of Medicine and Life Sciences

- Dr. Jihad Abbas, Surgery
- Dr. Cathi Badik, Pediatrics
- Dr. Ivana de la Serna, Biochemistry and Cancer Biology
- Dr. Murthy Gokula, Family Medicine
- Dr. Sabry Gohara, Surgery
- Dr. Deepa Mukundan, Pediatrics
- Dr. Victoria Steiner, Public Health and Preventive Medicine
- Dr. Valarie Stricklen-Ruiz, Pediatrics
- Dr. Guillermo Vazquez, Physiology and Pharmacology
- Dr. David Weldy, Family Medicine

College of Nursing

- Dr. Cheryl Gies, Nursing

Faculty recommended for promotion to professor are:

Judith Herb College of Education

- Dr. Revathy Kumar, Educational Foundations and Leadership
- Dr. Tony Sanchez, Curriculum and Instruction

- Dr. Mark Templin, Curriculum and Instruction

College of Health Science

- Dr. Phillip Gribble, Kinesiology
- Dr. Amy Thompson, Health and Recreation Professions

College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences

- Dr. Renee Heberle, Political Science and Public Administration
- Dr. David Tucker, Communication
- Dr. Sunday Ubokudom, Political Science and Public Administration

College of Law

- Llewellyn Gibbons, Law

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

- Dr. Scott Heckathorn, Environmental Sciences
- Dr. Qin Shao, Mathematics

College of Medicine and Life Sciences

- Dr. Rashmi Goyal, Medicine
- Dr. Ali Nawras, Medicine
- Dr. Thomas Sodeman, Medicine

College of Nursing

- Dr. Carolyn Lee, Nursing

College of Social Justice and Human Service

- Dr. John Laux, School Psychology, Legal Specialties and Counselor Education
- Dr. Sudershan Pasupuleti, Criminal Justice and Social Work

Those up for tenure are:

College of Engineering

- Dr. Chunhua Sheng, associate professor of mechanical, industrial and manufacturing engineering

College of Medicine and Life Sciences

- Dr. Reginald Baugh, professor of surgery
- Dr. Ashok Kumar, professor of physiology and pharmacology

College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

- Dr. Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, associate professor of medicinal and biological chemistry

In memoriam

Margaret "Peg" L. Jagusch, Toledo, a custodian at UT for 20 years who retired in 2007, died May 1 at age 67.

Dr. James A. King, Toledo, professor emeritus of sociology, died May 8 at age 73. He was a faculty member at the University for 29 years, retiring in 1999. He coached the UT club soccer team, which won the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association's National Soccer Championship in 1996.

Florence V. Koehl, Sylvania, a UT mail clerk from 1968 until her retirement in 1989, died April 25 at age 88.

Betty Jo Schmidt, Ottawa Lake, Mich., who worked in Computer Services for more than 20 years, died May 7 at age 84.



Check out the the UT Fal-Cam to see Belle and Allen and their chicks! Go to <http://utole.do/falcam>.

Employees celebrate commencement



Justin Kossow, son of Alan Kossow, computer specialist in the Department of Engineering Technology, received a master of science in accounting. He plans to pursue a career in auditing or forensic accounting.



Michael Hearst, son of Brenda McKinley, associate director of Research and Sponsored Programs, received a master of science in accounting. He will take the Certified Public Accounting Exam this summer and has accepted an auditing position with Ernst & Young in Toledo that he will start in September.



Justin Rippke, son of Julie Rippke, program accountant in Financial Aid, graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. He plans to get a job in an emergency room at a hospital.



Erin Lanham, program services coordinator for the University Clean Energy Alliance of Ohio in the UT Office of Research and Innovation, received a master of liberal studies degree. She plans to continue working at UT in the advanced and renewable energy sector.



Kurtis R. Kuntz, son of Dr. Vickie L. Kuntz, director of engineering career development in the College of Engineering, graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in information technology. He has accepted a position with the Eaton Corp. in its Information Technology Leadership Development Program.



Melissa Hansen, clerkship and curriculum coordinator in the Department of Medicine, received a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies. She will pursue a master of higher education degree in student affairs.



Patty James, interim director of senior administrative operations in the Office of the President, is the proud mom of two graduates. Stephen James, right, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in business administration in information systems. He has accepted a position with the Eaton Corp. in its Information Technology Leadership Development Program. Joseph James received a master of business administration degree in finance in 2012 and graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2011. He is a tax associate at Gilmore, Jasion & Mahler in Maumee.



Melissa Lin Whalen, daughter of Lin Whalen, secretary in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, graduated cum laude with a bachelor of education degree in early childhood education. She is looking for a job in early childhood education.



Katherine Liber, daughter of Caryl Liber, assistant director of degree progress in the Office of the Registrar, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of education degree in adolescent and young adult education and integrated social studies. Katie plans to begin a career as a social studies teacher in an area middle or high school, and pursue a master's degree in education.



Linda Ruiz, secretary in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, is the proud mom of two graduates. Ryan Ruiz received a bachelor of arts degree in individualized programs with a focus on digital media. He plans to build websites for local businesses and travel. Kandyce Ruiz graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She will pursue a career in substance abuse counseling or school psychology.



Jennifer Mowery, daughter of Patty Mowery, administrative manager and executive secretary in the College of Engineering, received a bachelor of science degree in health-care administration. She plans to work as a recruiter in the human resources department with a health-care organization and go back to school for a master's degree in either human resources or business administration.



Zachary Burhans, son of Nancy Burhans, associate director of the Student Recreation Center, received a bachelor's degree in management of information systems and electronic commerce. He is the information technology manager at Binkelman Corp., a distribution company in Toledo.



Photo by Daniel Miller

HANGING AROUND: James McSherry, a sophomore majoring in financial services and exercise science, found a quiet place to read beneath the magnolia trees on the east side of University Hall.

Rockets to host evening with football coach

By Paul Helgren

UT Head Football Coach Matt Campbell and his staff will host a reception Wednesday, May 29, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Inverness Club in Toledo.

There will be a cash bar, and fans and supporters of the Rockets can sample craft beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres.

A live auction will feature several items, including a trip for two to games at Florida and Missouri, and field passes for games vs. Navy and Bowling Green.

Proceeds will benefit The University of Toledo Rocket Fuel Program.

Donation levels are \$1,000 for a table (seating for 10 and event recognition), \$150 for a couple and \$100 for an individual.



Campbell

Donations are tax-deductible, except for \$30 per person to cover costs.

Register at https://give2ut.utoledo.edu/inverness_reg.asp.

For more information or to register by phone, call the UT Football Office at 419.530.3500.

Regional Energy Industry Forum to be held May 16-17 on Scott Park Campus

By Casey Cheap

The ever-changing needs of the energy industry, including the role of wind and solar power in northwest Ohio, fossil fuels in the area, and the need to diversify energy sources, will be discussed at the Regional Energy Industry Forum this week at The University of Toledo.

The forum will take place Thursday, May 16, from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday, May 17, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Scott Park Campus Auditorium and will focus on Toledo's role in the Midwest energy sector. Lunch will be provided, and a reception will be held Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.

"More than 60 percent of the work force in the energy sector is retiring within the next five years," said Karl Parker, president and CEO of Parker Family of Businesses, a professional services firm offering business strategy and consulting. "We want to educate the community about the emerging energy landscape."

The changing energy industry ultimately will lead to job opportunities in the region, Parker added.

The UT Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation, which features a 1.12-megawatt solar array, 100-foot wind turbine and electric car charging station, is

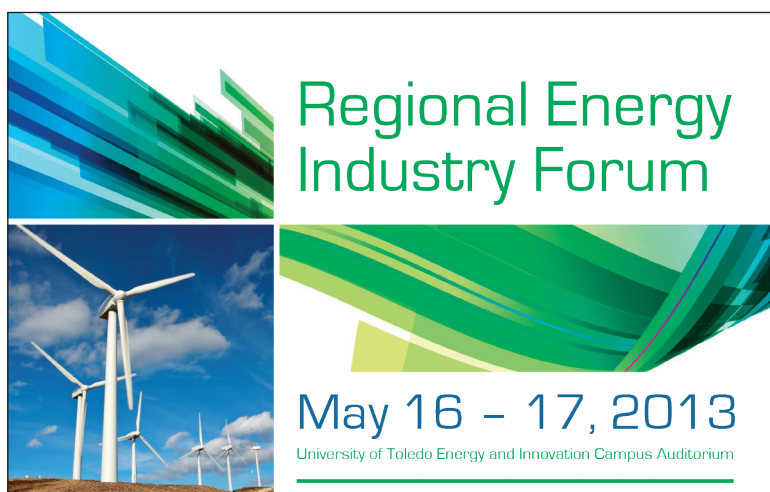
perfectly suited for such a forum because it is at the forefront of energy diversification and a hub for energy innovation, Parker said.

The event will include presentations from members of the American Petroleum Institute, American Gas Association and the American Association of Blacks in Energy.

The Regional Energy Industry Forum is sponsored by Parker Energy Solutions, The University of Toledo Minority Business Development Center, the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority and the Toledo African American Chamber of Commerce.

General admission to the public forum is \$25, \$10 for students and \$10 for the live webcast.

Register at regionalenergyforum.eventbrite.com.



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New works mark annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition

By Vicki L. Kroll

A stone-eyed fish is flying southeast of the Snyder Memorial Building. A neon green pulse beats east of Dowling Hall. And a brainiac's wheels going round are exposed atop the hill on the west side of University Hall.

Mike Sohikian's steel "Pescados #III," Todd Kime's 300-pound steel "Pulse," and Pamela Reithmeier's steel "Thought" are three of the nine new pieces installed for the eighth annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition.

Numerous entries were submitted for consideration to the Midwest Sculpture Initiative. The UT Campus Beautification Committee reviewed the submissions and selected the works that were installed earlier this month.

"This is the seventh consecutive year that the Campus Beautification Committee

has sponsored the sculpture exhibition," said Dr. Steven LeBlanc, executive associate dean of academic affairs in the College of Engineering and chair of the Campus Beautification Committee. "Nearly 70 pieces have rotated through the campus display over the years. Twelve of the pieces that were brought to campus as part of the rotating exhibit have ended up as part of our permanent artwork collection, either through purchase by campus benefactors, colleges or departments.

"We are very proud of the history of this exhibition and are pleased to focus our efforts on the continuing beautification of the UT campuses for the benefit of students, staff, faculty and prospective students alike."

Other new pieces in this year's exhibit:

- "Engarde," a 110-pound bronze casting by Judith Greavu, is in Ravin Plaza on Centennial Mall.
- "Ensemble 1" and "Runway," two welded corten steel figures that stand 13 feet tall by John Merigian, are in the mall area north of the Snyder Memorial Building.
- "Steel Inverted Arch" by Ken Thompson is east of the Student Recreation Center.
- "The Quest," a 400-pound steel piece by Robert Garcia, can be found north of Ottawa House East and West.
- "Hope Eternal," a cast polyester resin figure by Marie Davis, is

located south of the Student Union and east of Carlson Library.

- "Refuge," a 1,000-pound steel and cast bronze work by Nicholas Sikma, is located east of the Health and Human Services Building.

All artists received a stipend for their sculptures, which will be on display for the next year.

LeBlanc said the Campus Beautification Committee funds the exhibition through private donations.

"The motto of the committee is 'The beauty of the campus is our gift to the future,'" he said.

Those who enjoy the artwork are asked to consider a donation to the Campus Beautification Fund through the UT Foundation.



"Pulse" by Todd Kime is located east of Dowling Hall.

Photos by Daniel Miller



"Pescados #III" by Mike Sohikian is found south of the Snyder Memorial Building.



"Hope Eternal" by Marie Davis is located south of the Student Union and east of Carlson Library.