

Window seat



Photo by Crystal Hand

Zack Lozar worked on his laptop in the Student Union.

Project SEARCH, UT continue to support individuals with disabilities

By Samantha Watson

Since 2007, Project SEARCH at The University of Toledo has helped dozens of individuals with disabilities get work experience through internships.

The program brings high school seniors from Penta Career Center in Perrysburg to UT to complete three internships on Main and Health Science campuses. Many of the internships involve custodial work, warehousing, food services and more.

“It’s a best practice in the special education realm of transitioning students with disabilities into the world of work,” said Amanda Williams, Project SEARCH instructor with Penta Career Center. “It’s a best practice because you’re giving the students a supportive environment that can’t be replicated in a school setting.”

Daniel, a student in the program, works with Environmental Services and Food and Nutritional Services on Health Science Campus.

“I’m hoping to get a job in the real world,” he said.

Trinity, another Project SEARCH student, works with



Photo by Amanda Williams

Daniel, a Project SEARCH student, helps with recycling for Environmental Services on Health Science Campus.

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Trustees approve smoking ban, discuss presidential search process

By Jon Strunk

University of Toledo trustees approved a resolution to ban the use of tobacco products on Main Campus during their April 14 meeting, finalizing a push initiated by Student Government and incorporating the opinions of faculty, staff and the University Council.

UT President Lloyd Jacobs said after the meeting that he would establish an implementation committee to recommend the best method and timeline for when the ban will go into effect.

During the meeting, trustees also approved a proposal by Dave Morlock,

CEO of UT Medical Center and executive vice president for finance and administration, to consolidate UTMC’s family medicine residency program in the former Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic on Glendale Avenue.

UTMC will assume control of the family medicine residency program at St. Luke’s Hospital July 1, 2014, Morlock said, and the plan is to physically relocate the St. Luke’s program and the family medicine residency clinics in the Ruppert Health Center to a newly renovated portion

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Aramark on Main Campus to help prepare food at the restaurants.

"It has helped me speak up a little more," she said. "I'm normally pretty shy."

Justin works with the Outpatient Rehabilitation Center making beds, readying rooms before patients come in. He wants to get a job doing this in a nursing home when he graduates.

"I like working with the patients and the doctors and nurses," he said.

Ragen works in the residence halls as well as Gillham Hall, helping to clean. During her last rotation, she helped care for linens at UTMC.

"I've really enjoyed my internships," she said. She recently applied to work at McDonald's.

Project SEARCH began in 1996 as Students Exploring Alternative Resources at Children's Hospital at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Since then, it has grown to include programs like the one at UT in settings across the country and around the world.

The program has many goals for the students. They pick up skills like talking

to their boss, taking initiative in their work instead of being told, and making sure they finish jobs in a timely fashion.

And the program also teaches them how to feel comfortable in an interview setting.

"If this program was not in existence and these students were going their typical high school route, they may or may not graduate with a job," Williams said. "Some of these students may be sitting at home without a job. Sitting at home, for anybody, means that their social circle may be very limited."

On Thursday, May 22, at 11 a.m., a ceremony will be held at Penta Career Center in the Frederick L. Susor Auditorium to celebrate the senior Project SEARCH interns.

For more information on Project SEARCH at UT, contact Williams at 419.260.0070.

"It's nice to see people's attitudes change regarding what our students are able to do," Williams said. "But I think we still have a long way to go; there's still a lot of stigma and discrimination."

Explore the world at Toledo Sister Cities International Festival

By Meghan Cunningham

The Toledo community will celebrate cultures from around the world during the Toledo Cities International Festival through entertainment, food and crafts.

The fifth annual festival will be Saturday, April 26, from noon to 8 p.m. in The University of Toledo Student Union Auditorium.

Attendees will celebrate the cultures of Toledo's Sister Cities from Spain, China, Hungary, Poland, Japan, Tanzania, Germany, Lebanon, Pakistan, India and more.

"The International Festival grows each year as more and more community members come out to celebrate their heritages and learn about other cultures," said Dr. Susan Miko, executive director of Toledo Sister Cities International. "The University of Toledo is a great partner because of its commitment to diversity and engagement with not only students, but the broader community."

The day will include international performances featuring music, dance and martial arts, as well as ethnic restaurants

providing food and drinks for sale, a number of cultural and craft vendors, and a raffle and silent auction.

A language corner also will allow community members to learn basic phrases in multiple languages.

"The goals of Toledo Sister Cities International mirror the University's efforts to encourage international interactions to increase global understanding and respect," said Dr. Sammy Spann, assistant provost with the Center for International Studies Programs. "We are proud to host this festival on campus for the greater northwest Ohio community to explore their world."

Admission is \$5 in advance and can be purchased at the Ask Rocky counter located in the Student Union or by calling Toledo Sister Cities International at 419.966.1048. At the door, the price will be \$5 for UT students with Rocket IDs and seniors 65 and older, and \$7 for general admission.

For more information, visit toledosistercities.org or like them at [facebook.com/ToledoSisterCities](https://www.facebook.com/ToledoSisterCities).

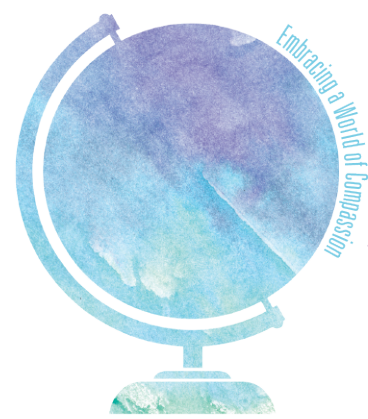


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Justin, a Project SEARCH student, works in the Outpatient Rehabilitation Center to ready rooms for patients on Health Science Campus.

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- Ethnic restaurants featuring savory foods for purchase.
- Beer and wine available. Coffee and soft drinks also available for purchase.
- Celebrate the cultures of Toledo's Sister Cities, from countries including Spain, China, Hungary, Poland, Japan, Tanzania, Germany, Lebanon, Pakistan, India, and more!

In this, our fourth Annual International Festival, we have cultural souvenir and craft vendors and a language corner where you can learn basic phrases from multiple languages. Bring the family! Enjoy the music!

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THE BLADE

Innovative business ideas win cash for UT students

By Bob Mackowiak

The winners of The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation's fourth annual Business Innovation Competition were announced last week, with \$17,500 in prize money being distributed to the winners.

"We congratulate all the participants from the entire University for the extremely high-quality proposals they submitted," said Dr. Sonny Ariss, professor and chair of the UT Management Department. "These technologically innovative ideas clearly demonstrate creative thinking within the UT campus, which is exactly what this competition strives to foster. We are pleased to see this competition, now in its fourth year, continue to become a critical step in developing an innovation ecosystem that fosters the creation of legitimate new products and services for our society."

"The College of Business and Innovation again clearly demonstrates our support for advancing entrepreneurship by being the sole sponsor of this University-wide competition this year, and we stand ready to offer guidance to help these teams emerge beyond the University into the community. We want to see these ideas and business plans effectively implemented, creating jobs and enhancing the economic growth of the region."

The winning proposals, the entrant's name and a brief description of the winning entries are:

- First place, \$10,000, Kyle Wasserman — Day-to-Day Independent Prosthetic, a device designed specifically to help double amputee victims with limited use of their hands to gain their independence back to perform normal day-to-day tasks.
- Second place, \$5,000, Ted Otieno, An Nguyen and Dr. Mohammad Elahinia — Minimally Invasive Thrombectomy Device, a universal minimally invasive blood clot removal device.
- Third place, \$2,000, Tom Burden and Bryan Heiser — Grypshon, a rubberized material used to keep mechanics' tools from sliding off the aircraft.
- Honorable mention, \$500, Kyle Wasserman, Shawn Kluck and Kyle



Photo by Daniel Miller

AND THE WINNER IS: Kyle Wasserman took first place in this year's Business Innovation Competition. Posing for a photo with him were Dr. Thomas Sharkey, left, and Dr. Sonny Ariss.

Keiser — Whitetail Mowing LLC, an independent attachable string-trimming device that is mounted on a zero-turn mower.

Ariss told the finalists, "In my eyes, you are all first-place winners for taking the time to develop your creative ideas. I congratulate you on earning this prize money, and encourage you to move forward. This money is a seed to continue to develop your idea."

He added, "Product development is a long process, so put serious time and effort into your idea. You need to be willing to sacrifice for the sake of making it succeed."

"The spirit of entrepreneurship is critically important to the ongoing success of every university and every community," noted Dr. Thomas Sharkey, interim dean of the College of Business and Innovation. "This business competition truly reflects the college's emphasis on supporting innovation, fostering creative thinking, and nurturing the entrepreneurial environment,

which is so essential for the life and growth of this region."

Wasserman, who will graduate from the College of Engineering in May, said his first-place winning product was his senior design project. He worked on the product with UT engineering students Derek Weickert, who graduates this May, and Daniel Romanko and Robert Castilleja, who graduated in December. Since Wasserman also claimed the top prize in the College of Business and Innovation's third annual competition, he took the responsibility for the entry in this year's contest.

"It was a good opportunity to try again," Wasserman said. "This win means a lot; the money will help, and the guidance we receive from faculty and other resources on campus is invaluable."

Yet Wasserman recognizes another level to the competition.

"It is more than just the money," he said. "It's about helping people."

The first Day-to-Day Independent Prosthetic Device was developed for and is used by Sister Pat Taube, a local nun who

lost both hands. "She is using the device, which she is able to put on and take off independently. She can now do day-to-day activities that we take for granted, such as feed herself, write or use her cell phone."

Wasserman, along with Kyle Keiser, won the business plan competition last year for their Slide-Off Hangers, a unique hanger design that minimizes damage or stretching when removing shirts. He said he now has production capabilities and packaging for that item, is working on distribution channels, and expects it to be available in stores shortly.

Entries for the fourth College of Business and Innovation business plan competition were due in February. Finalists made an oral presentation about their businesses to a panel of judges in April. Prize money was awarded to the newly formed business entity, not to the individuals.

Take Back the Night to mark 20 years in Toledo

By Aimee Portala

Take Back the Night, an event that addresses and protests all forms of violence against women, has been raising awareness for 20 years in the Toledo area.

This year's Take Back the Night will be held Saturday, April 26, on Scott Park Campus. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the main programs beginning at 7 p.m. The event is part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, sponsored by UT's Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program.

"We are celebrating 20 years of a collective of women fighting for the end of violence against women. Sadly, this also means after 20 years, Toledo still has a need for this event, meaning that violence against women is an issue that has not seen improvement," said Alcy Barakat, a graduate student in the Department of Public Health and Preventative Medicine, and a volunteer for Take Back the Night.

Displays will include the Clothesline Project, where shirts decorated for women affected by violence serve as a testimony to the problem, and the Silent Witness Project, a global activist movement commemorating women who had their lives ended violently by a partner or acquaintance.

"It's a great opportunity for the campus community to raise awareness about violence against women and the

resources available," said Angela Spoerl, manager of the Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program. "It's also a way to extend support to survivors not only on UT's campus, but in the Toledo community as a whole."

A free shuttle will leave the UT Transportation Center at 5:30 p.m. and will return to Main Campus at approximately 11 p.m. Free child care also will be provided at the event.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month extends across campus. Charlene Gilbert, professor and chair of the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, teaches Feminist Approaches to Social Problems, where students design and implement social campaigns using feminist theory. One group is attempting to start a Wear Red for Intimate Partner Abuse Awareness campaign on the UT campus.

"This campaign is a great way to engage and educate college students on how to recognize healthy and unhealthy relationships," Gilbert said.

For more information about Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Take Back the Night, visit utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/saapp, toledotakebackthenight.org or facebook.com/TBTNToledo.

UT campus climate survey available through May 2

The University of Toledo's biannual climate survey is available to complete through Friday, May 2.

Students, faculty and staff received an invitation to take the survey in their UT email account April 8 from President Lloyd Jacobs. This email contains the link to the survey, which will take about 20 minutes to complete. Those with questions should contact equityanddiversity@utoledo.edu.

Led by the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement and supported by the UT Culture Ambassadors, the surveys are created by the Office of Institutional Research and address several issues, including perception of acceptance, diversity-related services, courses, programs, organizations, attitudes and feelings toward others, discrimination and harassment, satisfaction and awareness.

Many students, faculty and staff already have completed the survey.

Those who participate may choose to be entered in a drawing for various gift cards, certificates and discounts.

"Filling out the survey was important to me because I wanted to make sure my

opinion was heard," said Melaney Goosby, a sophomore in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences. Goosby won a gift card to the Oasis Restaurant and Delivery for her participation in the survey.

"I felt compelled to participate in the survey because I come into daily contact with and interact with diverse staff and students," said John Fedor, educational specialist for UT's TRIO Student Support Services Program, which is part of the Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success. "It is important for the University to get an accurate assessment, and the more respondents the better and more accurate the results."

Some of the results and direct impact on UT from previous survey responses include safety awareness campaigns, an increased effort for anti-bullying initiatives, obtainment of a grant for mentoring programs for women in the STEM areas, a review and recommendation of changes in the harassment policy, support for Safe Places training, and the creation of the diversity certificate program that is free to all UT faculty and staff.

Advocating for equality



Photo by Daniel Miller

Dr. Michael Kimmel, gender equity scholar, gave a talk titled "Mars, Venus or Planet Earth? Women and Men on Campus in a New Millennium" in Savage Arena. He is the author of the 1996 book, *Manhood in America: A Cultural History*. Kimmel's talk was hosted by the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women in conjunction with UT Athletics and the UT Student Government Diversity Week Committee, with support from the Women's and Gender Studies Department, the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Planning Committee and the President's Lecture Series on Diversity.



Photo by Cynthia Nowak

POWERFUL MESSAGE: Students looked at shirts that are part of the Clothesline Project, which was on display last week in the Student Union as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Clothesline Project also will be part of Take Back the Night.

UTMC volunteers lauded for contributions

They're always there to help, ready to share a smile and lend an ear.

UT Medical Center has some 340 volunteers who put in an average of 3,000 service hours a month in more than 100 departments.

"We want to thank and celebrate these individuals who make such a big difference in the lives of so many," said Amy Finkbeiner, UT service excellence operations manager.

About 75 volunteers attended a recent luncheon held in their honor during National Volunteer Week.

"Our UTMC volunteers have provided 47,424 volunteer hours during the past year," Diane Ammons, assistant to the vice president for medical affairs, said at the event.

"Our volunteers have and continue to demonstrate their collective allegiance by making a difference. They continue to demonstrate determination and desire to meet our daily challenges and to accomplish our goals — and we thank them," added Ammons, who spoke on behalf of Dr. Carl Sirio, vice president for medical affairs and associate dean of clinical affairs in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, and chief medical information officer, who was unable to attend the luncheon.

Finkbeiner said volunteers are an integral component of the hospital as they provide an extra dimension of care and service to patients, understand and

empathize with families and visitors, provide support services for hospital and University staff, and offer research assistance in laboratories and University facilities.

"Our volunteers help us improve the human condition one person at a time at UT Medical Center," Finkbeiner said.

Twelve volunteers were honored for their dedication. Those recognized and the number of hours worked during the past year were:

- Jo Rita Fox — 692;
- Jim Harrington — 635;
- Donald Lemle — 834;
- Betty McKenzie — 504;
- Peter Nguyen — 644;
- Kush Patel — 542;
- Soohi Patel — 590;
- Pooja Singla — 669;
- Sreekiran Thotakura, 688;
- Leelasri Vanguru — 963;
- Judy Williams — 995; and
- Theresa Wisniewski — 1,049.

The Satellites Auxiliary consists of non-dues-paying volunteers who provide support for patient programs in accordance with the needs and approval of hospital administration, as well as conduct fundraising events and community outreach, and help staff the gift shop.

"Our Satellites Auxiliary volunteers are an amazing group of community men and women willing to give dedicated service to improve the human condition of our



Photo by Daniel Miller

CATCHING UP: Satellites Auxiliary members and MCO retirees Jean Brenner, left, Rose Tammerine, center, and Carolyn Stone chatted at the luncheon held during National Volunteer Week.

patients, their families and our employees," Satellites President Lynn Brand said.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with the auxiliary may contact Brand at 419.385.6700. Volunteers must be 18 years or older.

For information on the UTMC Volunteer Services Program, contact Finkbeiner at amy.finkbeiner@utoledo.edu or 419.383.6336 or Patty MacAllister, support services coordinator, at Patricia.Mac2@utoledo.edu or 419.383.3206.

UT improves in national recycling competition

By Kevin Bucher

The University of Toledo was once again successful in its recycling efforts during RecycleMania, which took place from Feb. 2 to March 31.

UT placed fifth out of seven Mid-American Conference schools in the Gorilla Division, which is for overall recycling.

The University also placed top three in the MAC for corrugated cardboard and bottles and cans, and finished in second place for paper.

UT competed against more than 450 schools across the United States and Canada in the eight-week competition. The University improved in most categories on a national level.

UT improved from 42 to 26 in the paper category, 95 to 57 in corrugated cardboard, and 111 to 92 in the Gorilla Division.

"The sustainability, energy, efficiency and design initiative is very proud of UT's results in this year's RecycleMania competition. We'd like to thank all UT students, faculty and staff for their continual support," said Brooke Mason, interim sustainability specialist. "We strive for continual improvement, so we are already thinking about how we will beat this year's rankings next year."



In memoriam

Alphonsus L. "Red" Barron, Millbury, Ohio, a UT continuing education instructor from 2001 to 2003, died April 10 at age 93.

William A. "Bill" Cameron, Toledo, a UT faculty member from 1997 to 2002, died April 11 at age 86.

Theatre lecturer honored for lighting work

By Kevin Bucher

Theatre Lecturer T.J. Gerckens received the 2013 Equity Jeff Award for Outstanding Lighting Design — Large Theatre for his work in “Metamorphoses” at the Lookingglass Theatre in Chicago last fall.

Gerckens is no stranger to the Jeff Award spotlight. He has been nominated for five Jeff Awards and has won two, including one for the original production of “Metamorphoses” in 1999.



Gerckens

“This was a revival production that premiered in Chicago in 1999. I thought we were going to be ignored by the judges, but they really loved the work,” Gerckens

said. “It is really nice to be recognized for your work. It’s an honor to have your work singled out, especially in a city like Chicago where theater has a huge presence.”

The Lookingglass production of “Metamorphoses” was directed by its

Tony Award-winning playwright Mary Zimmerman, who received the MacArthur Foundation Genius Award. It is based on the works of the Roman poet Ovid and retells his ancient stories of love, loss and transformation in the setting of a large pool of water, juxtaposing the ancient and the contemporary. The show has been on and off Broadway and toured internationally in Australia.

Coincidentally, The University of Toledo Department of Theatre and Film put on a production of “Metamorphoses” last year, but Gerckens was unable to help with the lighting because he was working in San Francisco.

Gerckens, who joined UT in September 2012, will be back in Chicago in May working on the lighting for a production of “The White Snake” at the Goodman Theatre.

The Jeff Awards are committed to celebrating the vitality of Chicago-area theater by recognizing excellence through its recommendations, awards and honors. The Jeff Awards foster the artistic growth of area theaters and artists, and promotes educational opportunities, audience appreciation and civic pride in the achievements of the theater community.

Case study



Photo by Daniel Miller

Amber Wepler, X-ray technologist in Radiology, looked at the array of jewelry at the Satellite Auxiliary’s sale last week in the Four Seasons Bistro Atrium. A portion of the proceeds will benefit scholarships for the College of Nursing.

Page-turners



Morgan Spitler, left, and Morgan Beeching checked out the used book sale in Carlson Library last week. The event was part of University Libraries’ celebration of National Library Week.

Photo by Crystal Hand

Pet therapy on deck April 24 for end-of-semester stress

By Samantha Watson

With final exams and projects approaching, it's a stressful time of year for students and faculty at The University of Toledo.

That's why Commuter Student Services and Student Government have teamed up with the Toledo Area Humane Society to host an Adopt-A-Pet event Thursday, April 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Centennial Mall.

The event will allow students, faculty and staff to take a break and play with some of the shelter's animals.

"It's a great opportunity for students to get their minds off of studying and also for the pets to have some interaction outside of the Humane Society," said Matthew Williams, a graduate assistant for Commuter Student Services.

The day of the event, participants will have the chance to meet some of the Toledo Area Humane Society's animals in an enclosed area on Centennial Mall. But more than that, everyone has the opportunity to take one of these animals home as an adoptive or foster pet.

Those who foster a pet do so only until the Humane Society has enough space in its facility or the pet is adopted.

Student organizations also can help pets by signing up as volunteers with the Toledo Area Humane Society.

"It seems like our student population is excited for an event like this because you don't have the opportunity to have pets when you live on campus," Williams said. "And when you live off campus, you do have that

available to you, but not all students take advantage of that."

Williams thanked Dr. Sammy Spann, assistant provost with the Center for International Studies Programs, and Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, senior vice president for the student experience, for helping to make the event possible and keeping the students' best interests in mind. He also is grateful for the Toledo Area Humane Society.



"The Toledo Area Humane Society has gone out of its way to make sure we have everything we need for the event and they're just as excited as we are," Williams said.

UT-Salford Exchange Program celebrates 30th anniversary

By Samantha Watson

Since 1984, more than 200 students from The University of Toledo have spent an entire academic year studying at the University of Salford in northwest England near Manchester.

These students were part of the UT-Salford Exchange Program — an opportunity for students at both institutions to spend a year studying abroad in advanced science curriculum. Students who apply and meet the criteria then get to study abroad while paying tuition to their home institution.

"This long-standing exchange program has enjoyed a rich history of student and faculty exchanges in the biological sciences and, to a lesser extent, students in chemistry and physics," said Dr. Patricia Komuniecki, UT vice provost for graduate affairs and dean of the College of Graduate Studies, who directed the program for 20 years.

For the 2013-14 academic year, eight biology/pre-med students and one biology student from UT are studying at the University of Salford. Fifteen Salford students in biochemistry, biology and physics are studying here at UT.

"We tend to send some of our best students over there," said Dr. Brian Ashburner, associate dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and UT associate professor of biological sciences, and director of the program. "One of the things we pride ourselves on is the success of the students who have come through this program."

"Many alums of this exchange program have become physicians in diverse specialties,



SEASIDE RESEARCH: UT students studying at the University of Salford posed for a photo on the wall at the Dale Fort Field Center on the Irish Sea, Pembrokeshire Coast, Wales. They are, from left, Rose Henry, Rebekka Henck, Susan Salari, Maria Paulett, Nathan Wagner, Rebekah Skerl, Courtney Rusch, Tayler Fisher-Grabowsky and Ashley Teow.

and other alums are now professors, research scientists, veterinarians, dentists, nurses and other health-care specialists, as well as attorneys and business entrepreneurs," Komuniecki said.

This Saturday, April 26, program alumni are gathering to celebrate its 30th anniversary in Toledo. UT alumni will be joined by University of Salford alumni who studied at UT through the program, and some Salford exchange students who came back and earned doctorates in biology and chemistry from UT.

"We are delighted to welcome back UT and Salford alums of this exchange program to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this special educational, cross-cultural learning experience," Komuniecki said.

The celebration will begin with breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by a UT-Salford Alumni Research Symposium on Molecular Medicine in Memorial Field House Room 2100.

Presentations will include:

- Dr. Mark Cookson, 1989-90 exchange at UT, "Pathways to Parkinsonism."
- Dr. Jonathan Schisler, 1995-96 exchange at Salford, "Fish and CHIPS: Identifying a Causal Mutation for Gordon Holmes Syndrome in the Ubiquitin Ligase CHIP."
- Dr. Mark Schroeder, 1997-98 exchange at Salford, "Overcoming Graft-Host Disease After Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplant Through Novel Immunologic and Epigenetic Approaches."

- Dr. Robert Hobson, 1998-99 exchange at UT, "Unc and Stoned: Dissecting the Role of Synaptotagmin at the Synapse."
- Holly Mills, 2006-07 exchange at UT, "Endogenous Opioid Signaling Modulates Nociception in *C. elegans*."
- Dr. Laura Halpin, 2006-07 exchange at Salford, "The Contribution of Ammonia to Methamphetamine Neurotoxicity."

The symposium is followed by a box lunch and a forum for alumni to reflect on their experiences with the exchange program. At 4 p.m. there will be a reception for faculty, staff, students and guests in Libbey Hall, and at 6 p.m. there will be a banquet for program alumni in Student Union Room 2592.

Celebrate Jewish Heritage Month

By Samantha Watson

As Jewish Heritage Month draws to a close, The University of Toledo Hillel hopes to educate the UT community with a few more events.

“The purpose of this month is to let people know about Judaism, where we came from and what we do,” said Andrew Saltzstein, professional sales and marketing student and president of Hillel.

At noon on Wednesday, April 23, on Centennial Mall, Hillel is asking students to “Give Chickpeas a Chance.” There will be hummus and pita available, and people are invited to create their own hummus with supplies provided. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Student Union Trimble Lounge.

On Friday, April 25, Hillel will host a public Shabbat, or dinner, at 5:30 p.m. in the Flatlands. The dinner will be a celebration of the year, a sendoff for students who are graduating, and a welcome to new and returning members for the 2014-15 school year.

“We may be a Jewish organization, but we welcome all different types of people, cultures, religions and beliefs,” Saltzstein said.

Jewish Heritage Month events will come to a close with Yom Hashoah from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 27, in the Driscoll Alumni Auditorium. Yom Hashoah, which means Holocaust remembrance, will feature a documentary with interviews of local Holocaust survivors.

The documentary will be followed by a panel of second- and third-generation survivors and a project based on the book titled *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, which is a compilation of poems and pictures made by young children inside a concentration camp. Student organizations will make butterflies that will later be put together in a large display to remember victims of the Holocaust.

Saltzstein and Jessica Moses, incoming Hillel president, planned these events with help from Dan McGuire, assistant director of the Toledo Excel program.

Give Chickpea's a Chance
April 23 at noon
Centennial Mall

Holocaust Remembrance Program
April 27 at 4:00pm
Driscoll Alumni Center

Hillel
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UT Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society to initiate new members April 26

The University of Toledo Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi will hold its initiation ceremony for new members Saturday, April 26, at 1 p.m. in the Student Union.

More than 75 undergraduate and graduate students and three UT faculty members will be inducted into the honor society this year.

Dr. William S. Messer, UT vice president for research, will present the keynote address.

Inductees into the honorary must be among the top students as juniors, seniors or in their graduate program to qualify for membership.

In addition to inducting new members, the society will honor three \$500 scholarship winners. The winners were selected based upon academic performance, an essay, and letters of recommendation from faculty members. They are Elizabeth Cummins (Toledo), Samuel Park (Toledo) and LaVelle Ridley (Toledo).

Cummins is a senior majoring in speech language pathology. She is active in many organizations related to her academic interests, including the National Student

Speech Language Hearing Association, the Phi Kappa Phi Literacy Project and the UT Perceptual Motor Development Program. In the essay that was part of the scholarship application, she wrote about the research she conducted on the history of the Opportunity Home, a school and rehabilitation center for children with polio that existed in Toledo from the 1930s to the 1950s. During this research, she spoke with people who had contracted the polio that left them permanently disabled. The research impacted her decision to help persons with disabilities in her future career. One of her faculty nominators stated, "Elizabeth demonstrates the qualities of quiet leadership and effective organizational skills."

Park is a senior majoring in applied mathematics. In his essay, Park wrote about how his high school freshman geometry teacher turned him from someone who hated math into someone who loved it. Park stated, "I hope to serve that role in other people's lives as a math tutor for children." One of his faculty nominators noted, "While most students are satisfied with any formulas given to them and start applying



them to solve problems, Sam is different. He tries to understand more where a formula comes from and why it is true. He is excited to learn new mathematical ideas and would like to explore beyond what he is taught in the classroom."

Ridley is a junior and has a dual major in English literature and Africana studies. As a student in the Jesup Scott Honors College, Ridley had the chance to conduct in-depth research into the life of nationally known poet and UT alumnus Herbert W. Martin. His research will be published in The University of Toledo Journal of Undergraduate Research. He also has presented his research at a national conference. Ridley is president of the Beta Rho chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, an honorary for English majors. As one of his faculty nominators

stated, "He hopes to be an English professor himself someday, and since his first semester, he has worked doggedly to improve his writing and thinking, and to amass more knowledge of the field and its objects of study."

In addition to the undergraduate and graduate students who will be inducted into the honor society, three UT faculty members will be inducted. They are Dr. Page Armstrong, lecturer in the Honors College; Dr. Ronald Opp, associate professor of educational leadership; and Dr. Susan Purviance, professor of philosophy.

For more information, contact UT Chapter Phi Kappa Phi President Wade Lee, associate professor of library administration, at 419.530.4490.

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of the former VA building by July 1, 2015. Morlock said the renovation and relocation would cost \$3.6 million.

Joseph Zerbey, chair of the Board of Trustees, announced at the meeting the board's intention to enter into an agreement with an executive search firm with experience in higher education and health care as it begins the search process for UT's next president.

"The board recognizes that one of its great responsibilities is the selection of the president of the University," Zerbey said. "To that end, it is critical that a transparent and effective process be developed and executed."

Zerbey announced that while the board itself will serve as the search committee, he has asked Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs, and John Barrett, vice provost for faculty relations and accreditation assessment and program review, to lead an advisory group to be populated by faculty, staff, students, alumni and community leaders.

Rich Martinko, director of UT's Intermodal Transportation Institute, also presented to the board an opportunity to propose a new Dorr Street exit off I-475 that would coincide with an Ohio Department of Transportation expansion of the western leg of the interstate to three lanes in the coming years.

Trustees approved a UT commitment of \$1.5 million to help fund the exit construction, but made that support contingent on numerous factors, including similar commitments from other local municipal partners and a Dorr Street location.

Zerbey also announced the appointment of Steven Cavanaugh to the UT Board of Trustees. The chief operations officer for HCR ManorCare, Cavanaugh has served as treasurer of the UT Foundation Board of Trustees and chair of the Business Advisory Council for the College of Business and Innovation. Cavanaugh's term will expire in 2022.



Cavanaugh

UT student helps plan local Drug Take Back Day

By Samantha Watson

Got drugs? From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, you can safely dispose of unused and expired medications at the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department.

Drug Take Back Day is part of a national initiative of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. The event at the local health department was planned by its intern Andrew Schneider, a second-year PharmD student at UT.

"By collecting the meds, we're preventing children from accidental overdoses, and we're taking dangerous drugs off the street," Schneider said.

The Health Department is located at 635 North Erie St. in downtown Toledo and will be accepting liquid medications, inhalers, ointments, lotions, narcotics, over-the-counter medications, medication samples and vitamins. It also will accept old mercury thermometers to be disposed of in environmentally friendly ways.

"Improperly disposing of medications and mercury thermometers can contaminate water and land, so it's important that people are aware that there is a proper way to dispose of them," Schneider said.

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department can't take needles, syringes or lancets, according to Schneider, but those items can be put in a hard container labeled "sharps" and disposed of in regular trash. The Health Department also cannot take IV bags, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans or personal care products.

Each year the event is run by a second-year PharmD intern with guidance from the third-year intern who planned it the year before. Schneider credits his success in planning this year's event to the help from Sarah Dickey, the third-year intern, and Evelyn Schreier, the pharmacist who selected him as an intern.

"I love working at the health department," Schneider said. "It's been a great way to take what I've learned in school and apply it."

Another drug drop-off location will be at UT Medical Center, which is partnering with the UT Police Department for Drug Take Back Day. Medications will be collected from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in the Emergency Department Lobby.

'The Relevant University' to air April 22

Tune in to "The Relevant University" Tuesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. on AM 760 WJR.

Landing jobs after college and using the web to network and display talents will be discussed by guests who will join Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs.

In this month's episode:

- Moses Lee, CEO of Seelio, will talk about his web-based network that helps college students showcase their skills.
- University of Toledo alumna Keri Gallagher and soon-to-be graduate Courtney Ingersoll share how they landed their first jobs after college.

- Christina Allen of LinkedIn will discuss how the professional network helps college students with their job searches.
- And U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown provides information about his recent seventh annual Ohio College Presidents Conference.

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Office of Residence Life looking for volunteers

By Kevin Bucher

The Office of Residence Life is recruiting faculty and staff as volunteers to assist the move-in process next fall.

First-Year Resident Orientation Guides, or FROGs, help resident assistants and hall staff with the move-in process in August.

FROGs help residents move their belongings in, talk with parents and families

about UT, and welcome new students and their families to campus.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up at utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/reslife/frog.html.

For more information about the program or to sign up, contact Matthew Perry in the Office of Residence Life at 419.530.4972 or matthew.perry@utoledo.edu.

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