

## UT student receives Google Women Techmakers Scholarship

By Chase M. Foland

**N**aba Rizvi is one of 20 students who received the Google Women Techmakers Scholarship this year. The \$10,000 award includes a scholar retreat and connects the winners with Google scholars around the world.

At the retreat in August, the UT sophomore majoring in information technology in the College of Engineering and other scholarship recipients visited the Googleplex in Mountain View, Calif.

“It was an incredibly motivating and empowering experience to be surrounded by people who shared my interest in technology and passion for breaking barriers in computer science,” Rizvi said. “I met some very incredible people who I am sure I will be friends with for years to come.”

“We are proud of Naba Rizvi, who is a very deserving recipient of the Google Women Techmakers Scholarship,” Dr. Michael Toole, dean of the UT College of Engineering, said. “It is an honor to have one of our students selected as one of 20 women in the country to receive this award, and it shows the strength of our Engineering Technology Department in the College of Engineering.”

“Naba has made a tremendous impact on the community of women in tech at The University of Toledo. In addition to her role as the founder of the UT Association of Computing Machinery Women’s Chapter, she has been at the forefront of several initiatives related to tech on campus,” Dr. Lesley Berhan, associate dean for diversity, inclusion and community engagement in the UT College of Engineering, said. “We

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**IN GOOD COMPANY:** UT student Naba Rizvi rode a bicycle outside the Googleplex in Mountain View, Calif., before posing for a photo with the other Google Women Techmakers Scholarship recipients during a retreat in August.

## Local elementary school children visit campus for mentor program with UT students

By Christine Billau

**T**he children gasped in delight and their eyes lit up with wonder as each walked single file into an auditorium-style classroom at The University of Toledo.

The excited faces of more than two dozen third-, fourth- and fifth-graders bused from Old Orchard Elementary School were ready for the debut of UT’s College Mentors for Kids program.

UT students matched with their “little buddies” from Toledo Public Schools for one-on-one mentoring on this first activity day of the school year. They will meet once a week on campus for two hours after school as a way to expose the children to higher education at a young age and also provide college students with leadership and growth opportunities.

Doryian Thames, a fourth-year student majoring in professional sales and

marketing, serves as the president of the new UT organization.

“When I was a boy, mentors through the Boys and Girls Clubs of America had a big influence on me,” Thames said. “Mentors have a genuine chance to make an impact on someone’s life. This program is a direct opportunity to see how being an active role model to an individual can really change the trajectory of their future.”

One of the program goals is to expose children to a variety of career options. The theme of the inaugural week was pharmacy, and activities included making hand sanitizer.

“As an educator, it is imperative that we create opportunities to expose young scholars to what they can aspire to become,”

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Photo by Daniel Miller

**BUDDY SYSTEM:** Mariah Quinn worked with Cullen Brank, 8, during the first session of UT’s College Mentors for Kids program.



## Stately recognition



On behalf of The University of Toledo, President Sharon L. Gaber, center, accepted the Governor's Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Award Oct. 27 at the 38th annual Hispanic Ohioans Gala in Elyria. UT was chosen for the category of Nuestra Familia, or Our Family, which honors individuals and organizations that encourage the inclusion of Latinos in Ohio and are committed to making the state a welcoming place for everyone. Accompanying Gaber to the gala were Dr. Michele Soliz, associate vice president for student success and inclusion, and Dr. Willie McKether, vice president for diversity and inclusion.

## New leadership named for Eberly Center for Women

By Christine Billau

The University of Toledo appointed new leadership to the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, which promotes the personal and professional advancement of women at the University and in the surrounding community and offers scholarships to UT students.



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Dr. Kim Nielsen, UT professor of disability studies, history, and women's and gender studies, will serve as interim director through August 2019.

Danielle Stamper,

program coordinator for the UT Office of Multicultural Student Success, was named interim program manager during that same period.

Nielsen and Stamper take over day-to-day administrative operations as UT launches a search for a new executive



Stamper

director to replace Dr. Shanda Gore, who continues to serve as the executive director of the Minority Business Development Center.

"We thank Dr. Shanda

Gore for her leadership and service to the Eberly Center," Dr. Phillip "Flapp" Cockrell, vice president for student affairs, said. "I welcome Dr. Kim Nielsen and Danielle Stamper to the center. They bring a wealth of proven leadership and experience reflective of the core mission and values of the Eberly Center."

The Eberly Center reports to both the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the Division of Student Affairs.

"The new leaders are responsible for implementing high-impact programs, engaging internal and external stakeholders,

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## Paying tribute

President Sharon L. Gaber, right, presented an honorary doctor of public service degree for Calvin Lawshe to his widow, Vicki Lawshe. A ceremony was held Nov. 8 to recognize Lawshe, a UT graduate who worked at his alma mater for nearly three decades; he died Sept. 5 at age 71. The Toledo native received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1971 and a master of business administration degree in 1975. Lawshe played basketball for the Rockets and was a member of the Mid-American Conference Champions in 1966-67. He joined the faculty as an instructor in the Business Technology Department in 1974. Three years later, he was named assistant professor. The promotions continued, and he was appointed chair of the department in 1987. Lawshe was named assistant to the vice president for academic affairs in 1994. In 2000, he was appointed interim vice president for student services, and continued in his role as assistant to the president for community relations. He retired in 2002 and taught until 2003. Over the years, Lawshe was involved in many scholarship and fundraising efforts to benefit minority students. He chaired the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Committee. In addition, he served on the Athletic Board of Control, was a member of Faculty Senate, and was a faculty representative to the NCAA.

Photo by Daniel Miller



## Charitable campaign kicks off, supports more than 200 charities

All faculty, staff and retirees are encouraged to participate in the annual UT Charitable Campaign, which started Nov. 7 and runs through Friday, Dec. 14.

Each year, the University participates in this community drive, formerly called the United Way campaign, to collect funds for what now includes four federations — United Way of Greater Toledo, EarthShare Ohio, Northwest Ohio Community Shares and Community Health Charities, which represent more than 200 nonprofit organizations.

“This campaign is a fantastic way to align your passion with a purpose because you can designate your gift to the charities of your choosing,” said Dr. Willie McKether, vice president for diversity and inclusion, and the 2018 UT Charitable Campaign chair. “This year’s theme is ‘Unity for Community’ because we’re urging all campus community members to

come together to support our local, regional and global community.”

All UT Charitable Campaign gifts are tax-deductible and a variety of payment options are available, including payroll deduction, which does not begin until early 2019.

Donations of any size are appreciated, and anyone who submits an ePledge form by Dec. 14 will receive a complimentary gift, plus an invitation to a January breakfast buffet hosted by President Sharon L. Gaber that will feature drawings for prizes.

To make your pledge, watch for weekly emails that contain a link to the ePledge form. Once you submit your completed ePledge form, you will no longer receive additional emails requesting your support.

“On the heels of UT’s very successful Day of Giving, which supported UT initiatives, we don’t want potential donors to feel pressured financially when making



a gift to this community campaign,” McKether said. “There are a number of ways to give, including payroll deduction, and so I want to remind contributors they can postpone making payments until 2019.”

For more information about the UT Charitable Campaign, including a complete list of charities your gift may support and a video message from the president, visit [utoledo.edu/utc3](http://utoledo.edu/utc3).

## Eberly Center

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promoting student success and student well-being, and strategically increasing the visibility of the Eberly Center,” Dr. Willie McKether, vice president for diversity and inclusion, said.

The Eberly Center hosts programming and services to empower women and guide them on their careers and community engagement to enable them to reach their highest potential. The Eberly Center offers personal and professional development classes and is home to Kate’s Closet, a professional women’s clothing closet providing complimentary professional attire to UT students and clients of the center.

“This responsibility and opportunity is an honor,” Nielsen said. “Since its founding in 1977, the Eberly Center has always been an important resource for both the UT community and the greater Toledo community. The Eberly Center seeks to bring hope and growth to women, provide resources for all who seek to support women, and welcome those committed to gender justice and equality. I invite all to stop by to say hello and use the space to study, have an organizational meeting, ask questions, use Kate’s Closet, learn about our scholarships, try the computer lab, or just relax.”

“Women’s centers have a rich history of not only empowering women, but also working toward gender equity and inclusion within the institution,” Stamper said. “I look forward to connecting my baccalaureate and professional experiences to continue growing as a student affairs practitioner.”

The Eberly Center is located in Tucker Hall Room 0168 and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## State certifies UTPD for adopting standards to strengthen community and police relations

*By Christine Billau*

The Ohio Department of Public Safety certified The University of Toledo Police Department for meeting the third and latest group of new state standards for bias-free policing and investigation of employee misconduct.

The new standards include the first of their kind in the state developed by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board in 2015 to strengthen community and police relations.

In the last two years, the state certified the UTPD for adopting two previous groups of new standards for the use of deadly force; agency recruitment and hiring; community engagement; and body-worn cameras.

The UT Police Department joins more than 500 other law enforcement agencies that are implementing Ohio’s first standards and public expectations. The UTPD is one of about 35 law enforcement agencies in the state that have achieved all three groups of standards.

“We are pleased the University meets or exceeds the state standards,” UT Police Chief Jeff Newton said. “Building trust begins with assuring our community The University of Toledo Police Department is using best



practices. I am grateful to my dedicated staff for this notable accomplishment.”

For more information on the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board, the certification process, and a list of certified agencies, go to [ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative](http://ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative).

**Look for the next issue of UT News Nov. 26**

## UT Leadership Institute 2018-19 class announced

Last year, 21 faculty members from across the University participated in the second year of the UT Leadership Institute.

The program was launched in fall 2016 by UT President Sharon L. Gaber and Provost Andrew Hsu to provide professional development to help prepare future academic leaders.

“We started this program to help our fantastic faculty members develop into future academic leaders,” Gaber said. “We believe the UT Leadership Institute accelerates success in higher education administration.”

“For faculty who are interested in exploring leadership opportunities in higher education administration, participation in the UT Leadership Institute is an excellent opportunity,” Hsu said. “Our third cohort of faculty represents faculty from eight colleges and University Libraries. I look forward to the many contributions they will make as emerging leaders of the University.”

Following a competitive application process, a third cohort of 22 faculty members was selected to participate in this year’s UT Leadership Institute. This year’s participants are:

- Dr. Ammon Allred, Philosophy, College of Arts and Letters;
- Dr. Jillian Bornak, Physics, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics;
- Dr. Lucinda Bouillon, School of Exercise and Rehabilitation Services, College of Health and Human Services;
- Dr. Maria Coleman, Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering;



Photo by Daniel Miller

**LEADING OFF:** President Sharon L. Gaber, second row standing at right, posed for a photo with most of the members of the 2018-19 class of the UT Leadership Institute last month.

- Dr. Joan Duggan, Medicine, College of Medicine and Life Sciences;
- Dr. Kevin Egan, Economics, College of Arts and Letters;
- Dr. Michael Ellis, Medicine, College of Medicine and Life Sciences;
- Dr. Rodney Gabel, School of Intervention and Wellness, College of Health and Human Services;
- Dr. David Giovannucci, Neurosciences, College of Medicine and Life Sciences;
- Dr. Lynn Hamer, Foundations of Education, Judith Herb College of Education;
- Dr. Dana Hollie, Accounting, College of Business and Innovation;
- Dr. A. Champa Jayasuriya, Orthopedic Surgery, College of Medicine and Life Sciences;
- Dr. David Kennedy, Medicine, College of Medicine and Life Sciences;
- Dr. Lisa Kovach, Foundations of Education, Judith Herb College of Education;
- Sarah Long, School of Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences, College of Health and Human Services;
- Julia Martin, University Libraries;
- Amy O’Donnell, Management, College of Business and Innovation;
- Dr. Jorge Ortiz, Surgery, College of Medicine and Life Sciences;
- Dr. Youssef Sari, Pharmacology, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences;
- Dr. Rebecca Schneider, Curriculum and Instruction, Judith Herb College of Education;
- Dr. Qin Shao, Mathematics, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; and
- Dr. Puneet Sindhvani, Urology, College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

The first meeting of this year’s UT Leadership Institute cohort was held Oct. 5 and will be followed by monthly meetings throughout the academic year.

Participants will discuss various aspects of leadership in higher education and engage in discussions with members of the UT leadership team and invited speakers, with presentations focusing on leadership styles, critical issues facing administrators, funding, and diversity and inclusion.

## Forum to focus on assessing, communicating research efforts

This month’s Future of Higher Education Forum will cover “Measuring and Communicating Your Research Impact.”

The session will take place Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Health and Human Services Building Room 1711.

Dr. Beau Case, dean of University Libraries and director of the UT Press, and Dr. Christopher D. Ingersoll, vice provost for health affairs and dean of the College of Health and Human Services, will lead the forum.

They will discuss measuring and communicating research as it relates to journal, author and article impact. In addition, they will demonstrate how to use



Case

these measures while seeking tenure and promotions.

“Research plays a vital role in the academic life of most faculty members. This session is designed to show faculty

how to harness that hard work, how to effectively talk and write about it, and how to leverage that work when it comes to promotions and tenure,” said Dr. Amy



Ingersoll

Thompson, interim associate vice provost of faculty affairs and professor of public health.

The Future of Higher Education Forums are

coordinated by the Office of the Provost in collaboration with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the University Teaching Center.

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



# Rocket football great to lead Toledo holiday parade Nov. 17

By Bailey Sparks

Former UT and NFL quarterback Bruce Gradkowski will be the grand marshal for The Blade Holiday Parade.

The 31st annual parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, in downtown Toledo and include more than 70 participants, including color guards, giant balloons, clowns, marching bands and dance teams.

The parade will start on Summit Street at Jefferson Avenue and proceed north on Summit to Jackson Street, west on Jackson to Huron Street, south on Huron to Washington Street, and east on Washington to Summit.

Santa Claus also will be in attendance during the parade and afterward at Imagination Station.

Gradkowski played for Toledo from 2001 to 2005 and led the Rockets to the 2004 Mid-American Conference Championship and two bowl appearances. He earned first-team All-MAC honors as a senior in 2005, finishing his career with a 45-13 triumph over the University of Texas at El Paso in the GMAC Bowl.

After a record-breaking career as a Toledo Rocket, Gradkowski played 11 seasons in the NFL with Tampa Bay, Cleveland, Oakland, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

The 2005 UT alumnus now shares his expertise as a color analyst for the Rocket

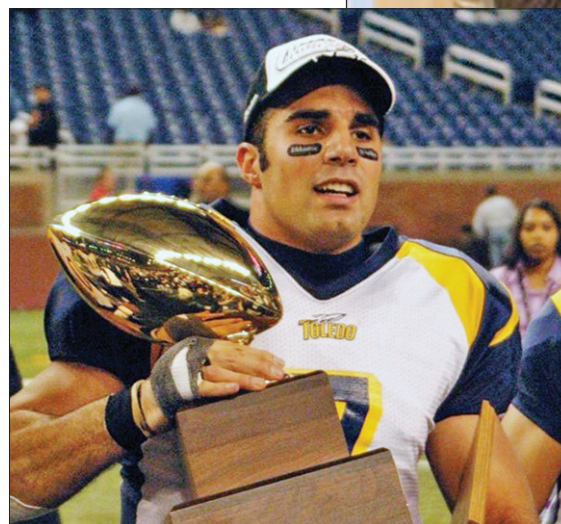
Football Radio Network and is a co-host of a weekly NFL radio show on SiriusXM.

Gradkowski is a local restaurant owner and a community ambassador for ProMedica.

He recently received a 20 Under 40 Leadership Award from Leadership Toledo, which honors individuals who have distinguished themselves in their career and/or as a volunteer in the community.



IN THE BOOTH: Bruce Gradkowski, left, Pete Seymour, center, and Brent Balbinot are members of the Rocket Football Radio Network.



SWEET MEMORIES: Quarterback Bruce Gradkowski led the Rockets to the 2004 Mid-American Conference Championship.

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## UT Rocket Marching Band to perform Nov. 17 in Valentine Theatre

By Angela Riddel

The University of Toledo Rocket Marching Band will take its show on the road to an indoor venue. The Sounds of the Stadium Concert will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. at the Valentine Theatre, 410 Adams St.

The band will perform music from the 2018 football season.

Highlights of the program will include the music of Panic! at the Disco, Elton John, show tunes from “The Greatest Showman,” and traditional UT favorites.

Tickets are \$7 each. Discount tickets are available for groups of 10 and more.

Tickets are available through the UT Center for Performing Arts Box Office, 419.530.ARTS (2787) and online at [utoledo.tix.com](http://utoledo.tix.com), as well as through the Valentine Theatre Box Office, 419.242.ARTS (2787) and [valentinetheatre.com](http://valentinetheatre.com).

For more information, go to [utoledo.edu/bands/ourbands/marching](http://utoledo.edu/bands/ourbands/marching).



Photo by Daniel Miller

**BANDING TOGETHER:** The UT Rocket Marching Band performed during the 2018 Edward C. and Helen G. Schmackel Homecoming Parade.

## UT Opera Ensemble to present ‘Così Fan Tutte’ this weekend

By Angela Riddel

The UT Opera Ensemble will present Mozart’s comic Italian opera, “Così Fan Tutte” (“Women Are Like That”) with a modern country-western twist. Set in a country bar, a friend of two young men bets them that their girlfriends would be unfaithful if left unattended. So, the men take the bet and put their ladies to the test.

The opera will be sung in the original Italian, with subtitles provided.

Be there before the performance for barbecue, beer and free line dancing lessons. Beer will be available at the cash bar, and the barbecue will be sold by Deet’s BBQ.

Performances will take place Friday through Sunday, Nov. 16-18, in the UT Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 7 p.m., and Sunday’s show will be at 2 p.m.

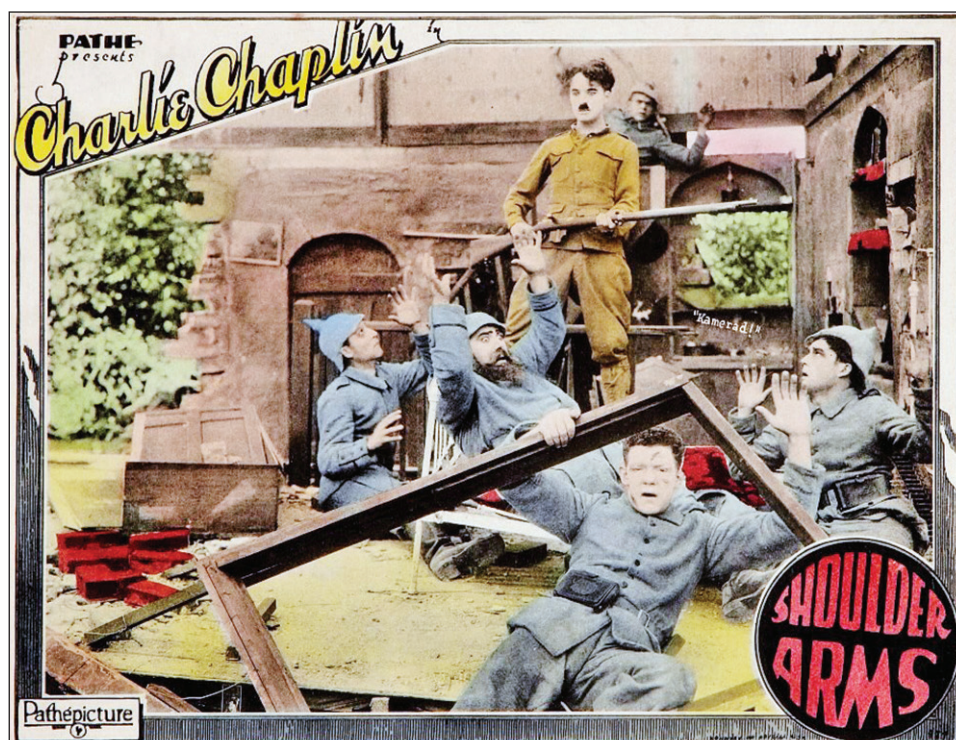
Cast members are UT student Alana Scaglioni, soprano, as Fiordiligi; UT alumna Katherine Kuhlman and UT student Kate

Walcher, mezzo-sopranos, as Dorabella; UT Music Instructor Justin Bays, baritone, as Guglielmo; UT student Moises Salazar and UT alumnus William Floss, tenors, as Ferrando; UT student Paige Chapman, soprano, as Despina; Jonathan Stuckey, bass baritone, as Don Alfonso; and UT students Kaitlyn Trumbul, Kailyn Wilson, Sterling Wisenewski and Jasmin Davis as the chorus.

Dr. Denise Ritter Bernardini, UT assistant professor of music, is producing and directing the show. Wayne Anthony is the music director, and Scaglioni is the assistant director. Kent Lautzenheiser-Nash is the choreographer.

Tickets \$10 to \$15 are available through the Center for Performing Arts Box Office and online at [utoledo.tix.com](http://utoledo.tix.com).

For more information, visit the UT Department of Music opera page at [utoledo.edu/al/svpa/music/ensembles/utopera](http://utoledo.edu/al/svpa/music/ensembles/utopera).



## Attention!

The UT Department of Theatre and Film will screen “Shoulder Arms” Friday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre. The 46-minute silent film starring Charlie Chaplin will be accompanied by live music. Shown from 16-millimeter film, the 1918 comedy directed by Chaplin is set in France during World War I. Tickets — \$12 for general admission and \$8 for students, UT employees and alumni, military members, and seniors 60 and older — include popcorn and soft drink. Get tickets at [utoledo.tix.com](http://utoledo.tix.com) or by calling the Center for Performing Arts Box Office at 419.530.ARTS (2787). Read more about Film Fridays and the department’s 2018-19 season at [utoledo.edu/al/svpa/theatre/film/currentseason](http://utoledo.edu/al/svpa/theatre/film/currentseason).



# UT alumnus/doctoral student to hold book-signing event Nov. 17

By Bailey Sparks

Jeremy Holloway, who is pursuing a doctorate in curriculum and instruction in the Judith Herb College of Education, has published a book titled “God Wants You to Smile Today: 25 Epiphanies of God’s Goodness — Secrets to Living With Radical Peace, Joy and Hope.”



Holloway

He will sign his debut book Saturday, Nov. 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Intersection Church, 1640 S. Coy Road in Oregon, Ohio. Entertainment, giveaways and refreshments will be provided at the event, where the book will be for sale for \$8.99.

Proceeds will go to Celebrate Recovery, which is a program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind.

Holloway wanted his first book to inspire others.

“‘God Wants You To Smile Today’ is an inspirational book about using your talents and lives to put a smile on the face of our Creator, and on the faces of others around you,” he said.

“This book is a constant reminder of how good life can be, and that the gift of a smile is a precious and powerful thing,” Holloway said. “This book reminds me to smile when I meet someone or smile when I wake up in the morning. ‘God Wants You to Smile Today’ reminds me I have been given talents and gifts that can make other people smile and I intend to use them.”

Holloway is using his talents to help many. He is a mentor for undergraduate students through the University’s Brothers on the Rise, which helps UT males, especially African-American and Latino, make the transition from high school and college. He also is involved with UT’s Multicultural Emerging Scholars Program, represents the Judith Herb College of Education in the Graduate Student Association, and is a leader for the Kappa

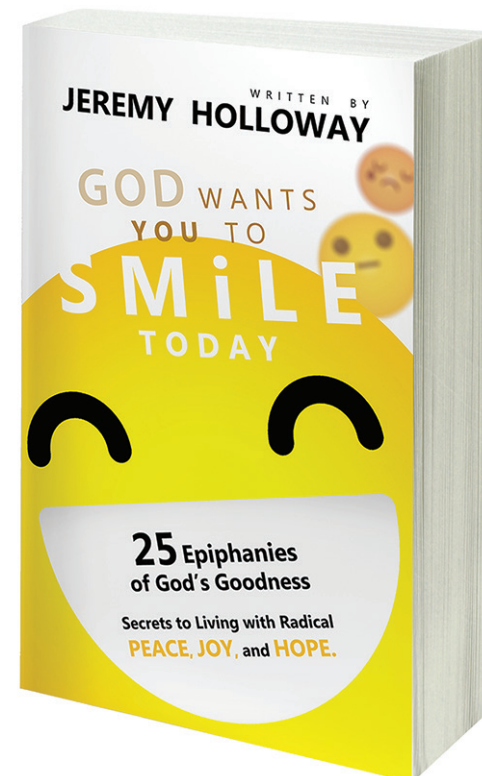
Delta Pi Honor Society in Education. In addition, he is a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

His work and dedication have been noticed. In 2017, he received the 20 Under 40 Leadership Award, which is presented annually by Leadership Toledo to 20 individuals who are 39 or younger in the Toledo community who have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities.

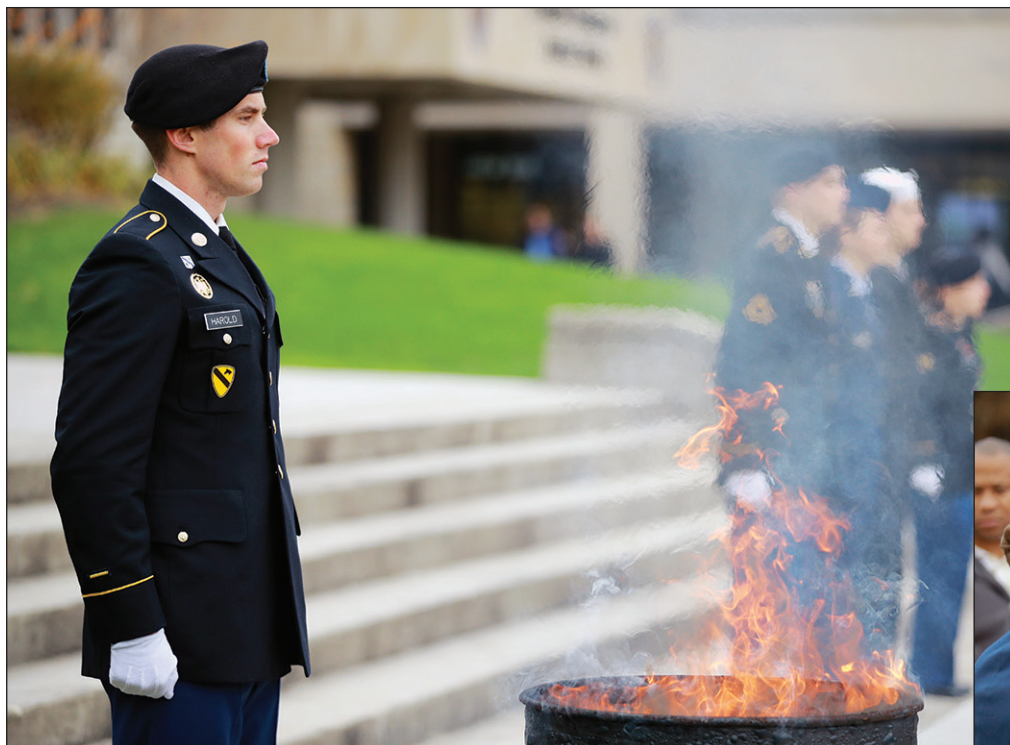
The native of Toledo received a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish and a bachelor of education degree from UT in 2005. He taught Spanish at area schools and graduated from the University in 2014 with a master’s degree in English as a second language.

“The opportunities I’ve received at UT have surely made me smile, and I consider them to be a gift that I intend to share to make other people smile as well,” Holloway said.

In the future, he intends to write academic books to engage the mind, but he also plans to write inspirational books to engage the soul, heart and spirit.



“God Wants You to Smile Today” will be for sale at the Nov. 17 event and also is available at Amazon.com in paperback and Kindle form.



Photos by Daniel Miller

## Final salute

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Claire Verbosky, below left, and Army Reserve E4 Spc. Brianna Pequignot folded a flag to be retired during a ceremony Nov. 8 in front of the Thompson Student Union. Army Cadet Sean Harold stood in front of the burning barrel during the ceremony. According to the U.S. Flag Code, when an American flag is torn, tattered or faded and is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. The event was organized by the Student Veterans of America UT Chapter.





## UT scientist studies cannabis to control parasites

By Tyrel Linkhorn

Anthropologists have observed that the members of a tribe in Africa's Congo Basin who regularly smoke marijuana have far fewer intestinal parasites than tribe members who don't use cannabis.

It was a curious finding that suggested an interesting, if unintentional, example of medical marijuana.

Now a University of Toledo researcher believes he knows why — and potentially how to harness that knowledge to develop new treatments that could rid humans and livestock of roundworms without relying on traditional anthelmintic drugs.

"Studying how nematodes reacted to cannabis gave us a window into a potential new mode of action," said Dr. Richard Komuniecki, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences at The University of Toledo. "Cannabis really limits locomotion in these animals, and they exhibit a dazed and confused behavior. They can't decide whether to move forward or backward, which is a druggable phenotype."

Most anti-parasitic drugs currently on the market to treat intestinal parasites work by causing paralysis in the worms, allowing the body to expel them. It is possible the limited locomotion Komuniecki's work has observed could be enough to release the worm from the host.

While additional animal testing is needed to confirm the theory, the early findings from Komuniecki and his graduate student researchers, Wenjin Law and Mitchell Oakes, are significant because of their potential to add a new treatment in an area that hasn't seen much recent development.

"In contrast to things like bacteria where we can develop antibiotics, these animals are so closely related to humans that usually compounds that kill nematodes also kill humans," Komuniecki said. "Anthelmintic drug discovery has been very slow for that reason. Also, resistance is beginning to arise in a lot of the compounds on the market today."

For his initial research, Komuniecki introduced cannabinoids to a non-parasitic nematode, or roundworm, known as *Caenorhabditis elegans*. The tiny worms, which have long been used in scientific research, stopped feeding and exhibited erratic motor function once they were exposed to the compounds.

After studying the worm's reaction, UT researchers determined they could produce the same reaction by targeting the worms' serotonin receptors. Komuniecki has worked with Dr. Paul Erhardt, Distinguished University Professor and director of UT's Center for Drug Design and Development,



Komuniecki

Photo by Daniel Miller

to identify compounds that could be used as treatment.

"The cannabis work allowed us to identify these receptors as novel drug targets," Komuniecki said.

More than 2 billion people worldwide are affected by parasites, while the global

agricultural industry loses billions of dollars a year to parasitic infections.

Komuniecki's work on parasitic worms has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health for more than 35 years.

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are incredibly proud of her as UT's first recipient of this prestigious scholarship."

The criteria for the scholarship include having a strong academic record, technical experience, financial need, and passion for increasing diversity in computer science.

"At the retreat, we networked with fellow scholars, students in Google's CodeU program and Google engineers," she said. "The retreat had a strong emphasis on professional development, and we had the opportunity to attend breakout sessions, such as 'The Art of Networking,' a resumé workshop and a careers panel."

Information technology wasn't always the desired career path for Rizvi. She first majored in political science.

"Prior to attending UT, I was at a community college in Michigan and really confused about what direction I wanted to take with my career," she said.

Rizvi completed a research fellowship at the University of Michigan, but technology challenged her creative mind. "Technology allows me to combine my creative problem-solving skills with my interest in helping humanity," she said.

The University of Toledo was a place where Rizvi could follow her dreams. She was impressed with the scholarships and opportunities that UT offers.

"For me, enrolling at UT was the fastest path to becoming financially independent since I knew I could support myself with scholarships, internships and on-campus employment."

Rizvi is a Pakistani citizen who has moved around a lot.

"I was born in Pakistan and lived there until I was around 3 and moved to Saudi Arabia. I spent my teenage years in Canada and moved to Michigan when I was 19," she said.

Toledo feels like home these days.

At the University, she is chief operations officer for CodeWeGo, a startup she launched with UT students Carla Marzari and Yizhen Shi. The education-technology company seeks to increase diversity in computer science by breaking language barriers.

"I am going to devote the next few years of my life completely to my startup and am so excited to see where this journey takes me," Rizvi, a student in the Jesup Scott Honors College, said.

In addition, Rizvi is founder and chair of the Association of Computing Machinery Women's Chapter, and she is a web developer for the College of Engineering College Computing and a resident adviser for MacKinnon, Scott and Tucker halls.



TRUE COLORS: Naba Rizvi found the Pakistan flag during International Village, an event at UT.



## Events planned for International Education Week

By Cathy Zimmer

The Center for International Studies and Programs will spotlight International Education Week, Nov. 11-18, with more than 15 events.

"International Education Week is not only an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide, but also a great opportunity for students to study and work with people from other countries and cultures," said Sara Clark, director of the Center for International Studies and Special Programs.

"Everyone is encouraged to come and participate in these fun, academic opportunities for students, faculty and staff throughout the week," she added.

Events will include screenings at the Toledo International Film Festival, an online photo contest, a cultural experience at the International Village, a rice cook-off and trivia night.

"This annual initiative aims to promote international understanding and build support for international educational exchange," Clark said. "We are honored to share our different cultures and experiences to bring that unique diversity to UT."

For a complete list of International Education Week events, visit [utoledo.edu/cisp/iew](http://utoledo.edu/cisp/iew).

International Education Week celebrates diversity of voices and the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of their efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

## International Education Week

## Mentor program

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Dr. Phillip "Flapp" Cockrell, UT vice president for student affairs, said. "UT is committed to moving the student success needle forward by fostering environments for both mentors and little buddies to learn."

UT launched a new chapter of the national College Mentors for Kids program in partnership with the Hylant Family Foundation.

"As native Toledoans, the Hylant family is thrilled to be sponsoring the new College Mentors for Kids chapter at The University of Toledo," said Clare Hylant of the Hylant Family Foundation. "This program provides the opportunity to make a significant difference for the youth of Toledo, a true chance to change what they think is possible, and encourage them to reach for their dreams."


"We are so excited for any additional support we receive from outside


organizations that are helpful and benefits our students in further developing their college readiness," Valerie Dreier, principal of Old Orchard Elementary School, said.

College Mentors for Kids is a nonprofit organization with a mission to connect college students with the most to give to kids who need it most. The organization operates 34 campus-based chapters across Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia.

"We want kids to dream bigger and achieve higher," said Carly Cox, associate director of programming for the national office of College Mentors for Kids. "Whether that means pursuing a career as a chef or a gardener or opening your own business, we want them to see beyond their neighborhood and see new potential."

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## Ohio poet laureate to read work, sign books Nov. 20

By Vicki L. Kroll

Dr. Dave Lucas is a poet on a mission. “I don’t want to convince you that you *should* love poetry. I want to convince you that you already do,” he wrote in a column for the Ohio Arts Council.



Lucas

“If you know by heart the lyrics to your favorite song, you already love one kind of poetry. You love another whenever you laugh at a joke or groan over a bad pun. The jargon of your profession and the slang you speak with friends are poetry. So are the metaphors we use to describe this world we all are trying to understand.”

Lucas, who began his two-year term as Ohio poet laureate in January, will visit The University of Toledo Tuesday, Nov. 20, to talk about his love of words and read his work. The free, public event will take place at 7 p.m. in Libbey Hall.

He also will sign copies of his first collection of poetry, “Weather,” which was published in 2011 and won the 2012 Ohioana Book Award for Poetry. That work also caught the attention of Rita Dove, former U.S. poet laureate, who called Lucas one of 13 “young poets to watch.”

“We are thrilled to welcome Dave Lucas to our campus,” Dr. Benjamin Stroud, UT associate professor of English, said. “His passion and enthusiasm for poetry is contagious. He shows us poetry is everywhere.”

Since being named the state’s poet laureate Jan. 1, Lucas has been trying to debunk the lofty notions of the measured word.

“Poetry happens — in metaphors or jokes or in poems themselves — at that place where sound and sense blur into each other,” he wrote on the Ohio Arts Council website, [oac.ohio.gov/poetlaureate](http://oac.ohio.gov/poetlaureate). “We may not realize that we are under the spell of poetry, because poetry is made of ordinary language (if language can ever be ordinary). Some words we use to toast a wedding or to bless the dead; others we use to order a pizza.”

That everyday sense was at the forefront of his class called Poetry for People Who Hate Poetry at Case Western Reserve University, and with Brews + Prose, a reading series he co-founded and co-curated with the slogan “literature is better with beer.”

Lucas’ poetry is featured in anthologies “The Bedford Introduction to Literature” and “Best New Poets 2015,” and has appeared in several journals, including The American Poetry Review, Blackbird, The Paris Review, Poetry and Slate.

The Cleveland native received a bachelor of arts degree from John Carroll University, a master of fine arts degree in creative writing from the University of Virginia, and master of arts and doctoral degrees in English language and literature from the University of Michigan.

His visit is presented by the Department of English Language and Literature, and the College of Arts and Letters.

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## Nov. 15 reading to spotlight work by Ohio Arts Council award recipients

By Chase M. Foland

Two UT faculty members will celebrate winning the Ohio Art Council’s 2018 Individual Excellence Award with a reading Thursday, Nov. 15, at 4 p.m. in Carlson Library Room 1005.



Stroud

To mark the honor, Dr. Benjamin Stroud, UT associate professor of English, and Dr. Jim Ferris, UT professor and the Ability Center Endowed Chair in Disability

Studies, will read some of their work.

Stroud, who specializes in creative writing and 20th-century American fiction, plans to read a piece titled “My Dear Master Liszt” he submitted for the Ohio Arts Council’s Individual Excellence Award.

“It’s focused, in part, on an event that happened just before the Civil War in a town in East Texas, a town a few miles from where I grew up,” Stroud said. “It’s a sort of fictional exploration of history, and an attempt at recovering something that’s been largely forgotten.”

Stroud is the author of the story collection titled “Byzantium,” which won the 2012 Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference Bakeless Fiction Prize and was selected as a Best Book of the Summer in 2013 by Publisher’s Weekly and the Chicago Tribune.

His stories have appeared in Harper’s Magazine, One Story, Electric Literature, Boston Review and more.

Ferris, who is the Lucas County poet laureate, will read “Comprehensive List of All Benefits to Being Disabled in Contemporary America” and other recent poems. “Comprehensive List” is among his poems that will be published in March in the anthology “Undocumented: Great Lakes Poets Laureate on Social Justice.”

Ferris holds a doctorate in performance studies and believes poems are invitations to performance not only for poets and speakers, but for readers and listeners as well. “Poems come alive when they are taken into the body,” he said. “A reading is a great opportunity to complete the circuit.”

Other poems will come from a new project exploring family history, race, disability, and the construction of cultural identity. Titled “Is Your Mama White? Excavating Hidden History,” Ferris is



Ferris

planning a performance of the work at the University during spring semester.

His books include “Slouching Towards Guantanamo,” “Facts of Life: Poems” and

“The Hospital Poems.” Ferris also is the author of “Laborare,” a poem he wrote for the inauguration of the new mayor of Toledo in January 2018.

The free, public reading is sponsored by the UT School of Interdisciplinary Studies and the Roger Ray Institute for the Humanities.

## In memoriam

**Shirley A. (Williams) Butwin**, Perrysburg, who was a chaplain at MCO/MUO/UTMC from 2000 to 2009, died Oct. 19 at age 62.

**Dr. Daniel J. Hanson**, Toledo, clinical professor emeritus of pathology and an adjunct professor of pharmacy, died Nov. 2 at age 90. He started his volunteer faculty appointment at MCO in 1971. An ardent Rocket fan, Hanson was honored with the 12th Man Award in 2004.

**Mary Ellen Kreft**, Toledo, died Nov. 3 at age 88. She was a volunteer with the Satellites Auxiliary in UT Medical Center’s Pastoral Care Department.

## UT employees may schedule graduate photos

Faculty and staff or members of their families who will graduate from UT this semester may contact the University Marketing and Communications Office if they wish to have a photo taken and published in UT News.

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Photos will appear in an upcoming issue of the paper.



## UT to hold events for Great American Smokeout Nov. 15

In an effort to end smoking and raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco use, The University of Toledo is joining the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout on Thursday, Nov. 15.

Members of Rocket Wellness, UT Pharmacy Services, and the UT Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention Program staff will be in the Thompson Student Union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. handing out candy cigarettes along with information about smoking cessation and the benefits of being tobacco-free.

The goal of the Great American Smokeout is to raise awareness about the harmful effects of smoking, as well as provide students, staff and faculty with information on how to quit.

This year, the participating groups also will shed light on the dangers of e-cigarette

use, which has gained popularity in the last few years.

"We want students, faculty and staff to know that the University cares about their well-being. There are many resources on campus that can support those looking to quit smoking, and this event helps bring that information to those interested," said Jocelyn Szymanski, wellness administrator.

Another goal of the event for the Great American Smokeout is to remind students, employees and community members that The University of Toledo is tobacco-free on all campuses; this includes e-cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

For more information about the Great American Smokeout, contact Szymanski at [jocelyn.szymanski@utoledo.edu](mailto:jocelyn.szymanski@utoledo.edu), or visit the American Cancer Society's website at [cancer.org/healthy/stay-away-from-tobacco/great-american-smokeout](http://cancer.org/healthy/stay-away-from-tobacco/great-american-smokeout).

## Clinic manager raises funds for American Cancer Society

Chris Kosinski, clinic manager at the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center, capped off his promise to wear something pink every day in October with an accessory of a different sort.

Kosinski, who joined the American Cancer Society's Real Men Wear Pink challenge to raise awareness and money for fighting breast cancer, ended the month by raffling off a chance to toss a pie in his face.

Susan VanCamp, ambulatory staff development and performance improvement director at UT Medical Center's outpatient clinics, was the winner.

"Any kind of publicity we can get to bring awareness to breast or any other type of cancer is worth it," Kosinski said. "If we can get a dollar here a penny there to put toward research and studies to help cure cancer, I can take a pie in the face for a couple days. That's not a bad deal."

Kosinski's efforts raised more than \$1,050 for the American Cancer Society.

Now that he has the whipped cream cleaned from his face, Kosinski is embracing No Shave November to raise awareness about prostate cancer and other men's health issues.



Photo by Jen Sorgenfrei

**SPECIAL DELIVERY:** Susan VanCamp won a raffle and had the honor of delivering a pie to Chris Kosinski. The fun stunt was part of Kosinski's fundraising efforts for the American Cancer Society's Real Men Wear Pink challenge.



## Work proceeding to renovate, expand Glendale Medical East

UT Medical Center continues to look for opportunities to be more efficient and align hospital resources with clinical priorities. This winter, the hospital will focus those efforts into renovating and expanding Glendale Medical East to meet the primary care needs of patients with increased access and convenience.

The comprehensive health and wellness center will pair family medicine and internal medicine subspecialists in pulmonology, endocrinology, nephrology, cardiology and

gastroenterology who will relocate from Ruppert Medical Center. South Toledo Internists also will relocate their practice from Glendale Medical Center.

The facility will feature an additional 44 exam rooms, a retail and specialty pharmacy, general x-ray and basic lab draws. Academic space, a break room and locker rooms also will be incorporated. The convenience of centralized registration will make check-in easy for patients, and with subspecialties co-located in the same

building, physician communication and referrals to subspecialties will be improved.

Construction is expected to conclude in spring 2019. Once clinics locate their practices to Glendale Medical East, vacant space in Ruppert Medical Center will be used to accommodate expansion of remaining clinics, as well as providing additional space for outpatient behavioral health services.

"Thank you to the family medicine and internal medicine teams for their input

during the design process, and to Facilities and Construction for their diligent work in facilitating the capital improvements," Allen Siefert, chief administrative officer of outpatient integrated clinic operations, said.

UTMC is working with partners in clinical offices and facilities to make these transitions as smooth as possible and will continue to share updates as construction progresses.





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