

UT astronomers, student discover free-floating, planetary-mass object in family of stars

By Christine Long

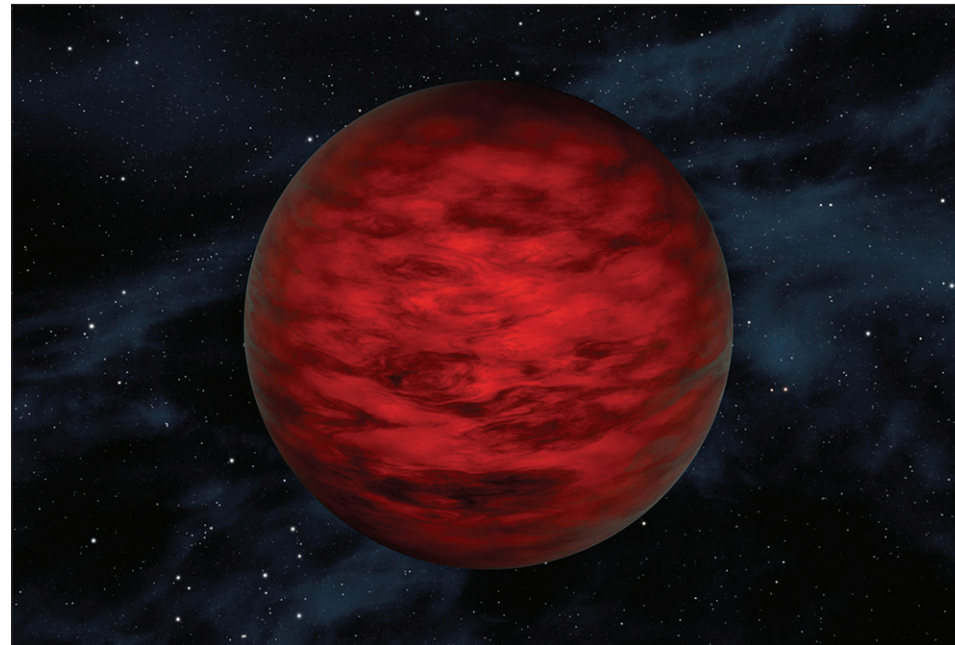
Astronomers at The University of Toledo have identified a new object in space approximately 100 light years away from Earth estimated to be roughly five to 10 times the mass of Jupiter and 10 million years old.

The free-floating planetary mass object identified by researchers as a brown dwarf is called WISEA J114724.10-204021.3, or just WISEA 1147 for short. A brown dwarf is a lightweight star that lacks enough mass to fuse hydrogen into helium, the process that makes stars like the sun shine.

The new object is a member of the TW Hydrae family of stars and is located in the Crater constellation.

“We estimate it is one of the youngest and lowest-mass free-floating objects yet discovered in the solar neighborhood, which is within 300 light years,” said Dr. Adam Schneider, UT postdoctoral researcher in the

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A young, free-floating world sits alone in space in this illustration from the NASA/Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology. The object, called WISEA J114724.10-204021.3, is thought to be an exceptionally low-mass brown dwarf, which is a star that lacks enough mass to burn nuclear fuel and glow.

UT chosen as one of America's Outstanding Navy Reserve Employers

By Ashley Gearheart

The University of Toledo recently was selected as one of America's Outstanding Navy Reserve Employers for 2016.

More than 100 employers were nominated for this recognition; 50 were chosen, and UT was the only higher education institution selected to receive this designation.

“At The University of Toledo, the men and women who have served or who are actively serving are honored, respected and welcomed,” UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. “These dedicated individuals who are currently serving our country and our University are valued members of our

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Budding conservation biologists go birding at Warbler Capital of the World

By Christine Long

As songbirds begin to stop, rest and refuel along Lake Erie marshes before finishing the last leg of their spring migration to Canada, a class of UT environmental science students learned firsthand how researchers collect data and what the long-term patterns teach about climate change.

“I had zero experience with birding,” UT senior Alexa Seaman said. “I heard this area is called the Warbler Capital of the World. Now I know why.”

“This is a remarkable natural phenomenon,” said Dr. Hans Gottgens, UT professor of environmental sciences and editor-in-chief of Wetlands Ecology Management. “These songbirds are the size and weight of a pingpong ball. It's fascinating they are so light and somehow manage to migrate from South America to Canada. They're magnificent animals.”

A group of 17 students boarded a bus last week on Main Campus for a 40-minute drive to the Black Swamp Bird Observatory at Magee Marsh State Wildlife Area in Ottawa County, which is preparing for the Biggest Week in American Birding, May 6-15. Tens of thousands of avid birders across the

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Photo by Daniel Miller

FLY AWAY: Kate Zimmerman, the education director for the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, left, and UT student Jeanna Meisner released a banded American tree sparrow.

Bloomberg ranks College of Business in top 100 best undergrad schools

By Bob Mackowiak

The UT College of Business and Innovation ranked in the top 100 best undergraduate business schools in the nation by Bloomberg, a global business and financial information and news leader. The college ranked No. 96.

Every year, students around the country compete for a head start on conquering the corporate world by studying business in college. Since 2006, Bloomberg has ranked undergraduate business programs to help guide prospective college students and their families in choosing the right degree program for the career they want.

“All of us in the College of Business and Innovation are very excited at this national recognition by Bloomberg of the quality and relevance of our programs,” said Dr. Terribeth Gordon-Moore, senior associate dean of the college. “This

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New University College to serve adult and undecided students

By Meghan Cunningham

The new University College will serve adult students pursuing individualized degrees and first-year students exploring the variety of majors The University of Toledo has to offer.



Kopp Miller

and YouCollege with UT Online.

“Serving students is the mission of all colleges at The University of Toledo and by organizing University College in this way, we will enhance how we can serve adult learners and students who are undecided

about their areas of study,” UT President Sharon L. Gaber said.

Dr. Barbara Kopp Miller, associate provost for online education and director of the Center for Successful Aging, will serve as dean of University College, which will be in place July 1.

“University College provides access and support to students to ensure they are successful in meeting their goal of a college degree,” Kopp Miller said. “We will provide a supportive temporary home for students who are still exploring the many majors that we offer at UT, and our goal is to successfully get them into their permanent home. And adult learners balancing work, family and other obligations will find the services they need in University College.”

The about 700 students in the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning and the about 1,700 students in YouCollege will be enrolled in the new University of College.

The College of Adult and Lifelong Learning was created in 2010 as an evolution of a previous University College to focus services for adult students. Through a program called prior learning assessment,

UT offers adult learners the ability to earn college credit for life experiences using portfolios, standardized testing and industry certification to determine college credit. The college’s degree programs include individualized studies, professional studies and liberal studies.

Since 2013, YouCollege has served students in the Department of Exploratory Studies who are undecided about their majors or working on requirements to get into the program of their choice.

University College’s academic units will be organized into a Department of Interdisciplinary Studies and Special Programs, and a Department of Exploratory Studies.

Dr. Dennis Lettman, who serves as dean of the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning, is retiring at the end of the academic year after 27 years of service to UT. Julie Fischer-Kinney, who serves as interim dean of YouCollege, will continue in her role as assistant provost for student success and retention leading the University’s success coaching program,

which will be organized in a Center for Success Coaching.

The University offers more than 500 online courses through UT Online, which also will be part of University College. UT Online includes the departments of Learning and Academic Technology, Instructional Design and Development, Faculty Services and Help Desk, and Compliance and Assessment.

UT’s military affairs, testing and workforce development services also will be offered through the college.

“University College truly serves the entire University through the services that it provides,” Kopp Miller said.

Kopp Miller joined the Medical College of Ohio in 1991 and has held a number of faculty appointments and administrative roles at UT. With a scholarly expertise in the area of gerontology, she teaches in the Department of Public Health and Preventative Medicine.

She received her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in psychology from Bowling Green State University.

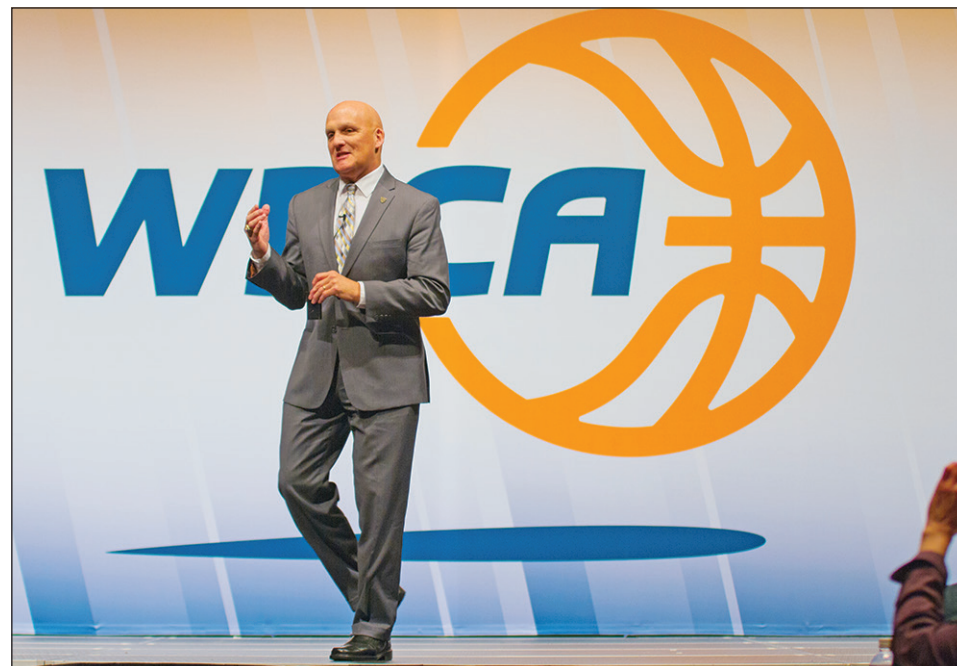
Set for takeoff



Photo by Daniel Miller

Thanks to an innovative partnership between BP and The University of Toledo, several Toledo Public School students will be able to participate in the new Rocket Engineering Prep Program. Students were recognized last week at a press event, which was attended by, at left, TPS Superintendent Romules Durant and UT President Sharon L. Gaber, and at right, BP Refinery Manager Mark Dangler and UT College of Engineering Dean Nagi Naganathan. The program will ensure full tuition and fee scholarships for four years for select TPS students to attend the UT College of Engineering in exchange for successfully completing three summers of enrichment and mentoring programs at UT during high school. The program supports an increase in both the number and success of students who represent the diversity of the Toledo community.

Courting success



Dr. Clinton Longenecker, Stranahan Distinguished University Professor in the College of Business and Innovation, delivered the keynote address at this year’s National Women’s Basketball Coaching Association Convention at the NCAA’s Final Four Tournament in Indianapolis. Longenecker, who is a nationally recognized authority on leadership and high performance, addressed the audience of more than 1,200 college coaches in attendance on the subject of how to improve their coaching and leadership effectiveness by slowing down and leading with greater intent. In his dynamic presentation, he stated, “Everyone is busy, and especially people in high-visibility and high-profile positions. But the real question for all of us is busy doing what? If each of us don’t make a conscious choice on a daily basis about how we invest our time and the activities we choose to engage in, we just might be exceptionally busy and both ineffective and dissatisfied.” Longenecker provided a simple tool based on the acronym STOP: Sit-Think-Optimize-Perform as a vehicle that can help people slow down and make better use of their time on a daily basis.

Open forums slated for vice provost candidates

Two internal candidates for the vice provost for retention and undergraduate studies position have been identified by the search committee.

They are Dr. Brian Ashburner, interim provost for retention and undergraduate studies and associate professor of biological sciences, and Dr. Willie McKether, special assistant to the president for diversity, associate dean in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences, and associate professor of anthropology.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to get to know the candidates at two open forums. Each will take place from 1:15 to 2 p.m. in the Libbey Hall main dining room:

- Wednesday, April 27 — McKether, and
- Thursday, April 28 — Ashburner.

The vice provost for retention and undergraduate studies is responsible for providing leadership in the implementation of strategic initiatives related to retention

and the student experience as it relates to undergraduate education and programs.

The position oversees the administration of undergraduate academic student support services, which includes the Student Success and Retention Office, Learning Enhancement Center, Writing Center and First-Year Experience Programming.

In addition, the vice provost is responsible for the preparation, submission and improvement of the University's college completion plan, and works collaboratively with colleges on UT admissions standards, curriculum development, enrollment opportunities, experiential learning, advising, coaching, and quality teaching to enhance the undergraduate student learning experiences, outcomes and success.

To see the finalists' curriculum vitae and more about the position, go to utoledo.edu/offices/provost/search-vice-provost.

Service recognition and staff awards set for May 3

The Employee Service Recognition Program will be held Tuesday, May 3, at 3 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

More than 800 employees will be recognized for their years of service at the University.

Five employees also will receive the 2016 Outstanding Staff Award at the ceremony.

In addition, the Diane Hymore Exemplar of Excellence Award will be presented.

"Shining the spotlight on loyal employees who accomplish so much every day and who are committed to improvement and innovation is important," UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. "Employees make the University what it is — a destination of choice for so many. We need to recognize staff members for their dedication."

Gaber will speak at 3:15 p.m. to start the celebration. A reception will start about 4 p.m.

"It's important to come together and commemorate these milestones," Jovita Thomas-Williams, vice president and chief HR officer for human resources and talent development, said. "The University is a special place to work, and it's nice to thank the employees who make it feel like home for so many — students, patients and their peers."

Service Awards will be presented to eligible employees who achieved their milestone anniversary during the calendar year of 2015. Those who have worked at the University five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years will be recognized with service pins and awards during the ceremony.

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community, and we thank them for their service."

Navy Reserve Lt. Haraz N. Ghanbari, director of military and veteran affairs, nominated the University for the honor.

Ghanbari is working to create and implement a training program option for University employees that will increase awareness of what veterans have gone through and what they face when they return home. His goal is to improve the experience of veterans transitioning from deployment back into their civilian lives, whether they're a student or a member of the faculty, staff or administration. The training program is modeled off the Green Zone training program used at colleges across the country. It also will highlight what a great resource student veterans are for the University.

"My call to action would be for the campus community, and our community at large, to take time and be purposeful with engaging veterans," he said. "Veterans are one of our nation's greatest resources."

In 2015, UT was a recipient of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve's Seven Seals Award, and in 2016 it was ranked No. 157 on the USA Today and College Factual's Best Colleges for Veterans list.

The University has received recognition as a top military-friendly school from Military Times, Military Advanced Education & Transition, and G.I. Jobs thanks to UT's military-supportive culture and the numerous resources available on campus and locally in Toledo, such as the Military Service Center on campus and the Lucas County Veterans Service Commission.

UT also hosts various events throughout the year to recognize and assist local veterans. In March, for example, the Veterans' Business Forum invited veteran business owners and entrepreneurs to campus to network with and hear from local business and government representatives and gain access to business resources.

The community's annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and Resource Fair on Veterans Day takes place at UT, and the Veterans' Plaza, located on the northwest corner of Centennial Mall on Main Campus, recognizes the courage and commitment made by servicemen and women.

Dr. Barbara Kopp Miller, associate provost for online education, will represent UT at the Navy Reserve's 2016 Navy Employer Recognition Event June 24 in Norfolk, Va.

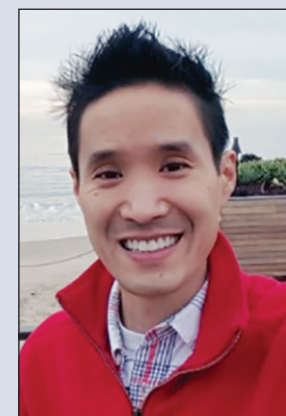
In memoriam

Ryan A. Kelso, Perrysburg, a nurse and operations supervisor in the operating room at UT Medical Center from 2006 to 2011, died April 17 at age 41.

Dr. Dean J. Reichenbach, Sandusky, a clinical assistant professor of medicine from 1982 to 2011, died April 17 at age 80.

Dr. Bonnie J. Sloan, Holland, a former education instructor; died April 16 at age 84. She was a UT alumna, receiving bachelor's master's and doctoral degrees in education in 1952, 1962 and 1978, respectively.

Dr. Cyrus Chan, Holland, who began his general surgery residency at UT Medical Center in 2009, lost his battle with colon cancer April 21 at age 39. To ensure Chan's legacy lives on, friends and colleagues created an endowed scholarship for medical students and an endowed award for residents that will be presented annually through The University of Toledo Foundation in his name. Tributes may be made to the Dr. Cyrus Chan Endowed Scholarship Fund or the Dr. Cyrus Chan Teaching Award in Surgery at <https://give2ut.utoledo.edu>.



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Business professor named Fulbright Scholar, will teach, conduct research in India

By Bob Mackowiak

Dr. Paul Hong, professor in the Department Information Operations and Technology Management in the College of Business and Innovation, has been named a recipient of the J. William Fulbright Scholarship award to India.



Hong

“I was very delighted and very fortunate to be accepted for this program, which leads with a global perspective. I’m very grateful for the college’s strategic engagement in India, and the college’s relationship with PSG Institute of

Management. The UT College of Business and Innovation’s reputation made the difference,” he said.

Based on previous international work, Hong said he chose India for three reasons:

- For the dynamic growth possibilities. “With vast youth populations, innovative and entrepreneurial capabilities, and slow but steady infrastructure developments, I believe that the world will pay attention to India just as we did for China for the past 30 years,” Hong said. “India would be a linkage nation between advanced economies (North America and European Union) and Africa, Middle East and Latin America.”
- For the rich research network relationships. “I have visited India twice already,” Hong said. “This summer I will be visiting India again for a month before I start the Fulbright projects next January.”
- Because India is a growing strategic partner with the United States in multiple arenas: economic, political, educational and cultural. “Increasing interactions between the United States and India will

bring tremendous opportunities for innovative growth,” he said.

“My base will be Christ University at Bangalore, and I will work with scholars at PSG Institute of Management in Coimbatore and J. Nehru University in New Delhi,” Hong said. “I will be conducting research workshops for faculty members from these institutions who like to build research agendas with effective results in terms of quality publication and real-world impacts.”

He added that two UT doctoral students, Nitya Singh and Blaine Stout, will join the team of international researchers.

“In Christ University, there will be entrepreneurial leadership training sessions for graduate and undergraduate honor students. This would be somewhat similar to what Dr. Clint Longenecker [Stranahan Distinguished University Professor] has already been doing with the Klar Leadership Academy at UT. I am grateful for this Fulbright scholarship grant, which provides necessary funds, scholarly credibility to engage in reputable work, and collaborative research network formation.”

The Fulbright Program aims to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, and is the flagship international

educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government. As a Fulbright Scholar, Hong will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with international partners in educational, political, cultural, economic and scientific fields.

“The key is a global perspective,” Hong explained. “What I emphasize to students here is to go beyond a tri-state perspective; our students can work with companies from around the world because their technical and communication and relationship skills are very good. They are prepared to go anywhere.”

“Through my work as a Fulbright Scholar, I can help our students engage with those students and companies, and this provides a great opportunity to further understand their growing market potential. Growth through global engagement and a lot of businesses will benefit. This increasing strategic initiative will continue a lot of opportunity and will benefit students who work in the the United States.”

Hong added, “Fulbright is very service-minded, and I view this as a service opportunity.”

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recognition by Bloomberg further validates the quality of our faculty, the significance of our curriculum, and the excellence of our students.”

Bloomberg determined its rankings after surveying nearly 30,000 students and recruiters at almost 600 companies. Bloomberg updated how it ranks undergraduate programs to put a bigger focus on the outcome most students want from B-school: the brightest possible career

path. Bloomberg based its rankings on four main metrics:

- Employer Survey (40 percent of total score): Feedback from recruiters who hire recent business graduates on how well schools prepared students for jobs at their companies.
- Student Survey (35 percent): Students’ own ratings of the campus, career services department, and faculty and administrators.

- Starting Salary (15 percent): The base compensation of students who had jobs lined up, adjusted for salary variation across industries and regions.
- Internship (10 percent): The percentage of a school’s graduates who had at least one internship at any time during college.

“Our tremendous success in securing jobs for our students — as high as 93 percent as of May 2015 graduates —

through the work of our outstanding Business Career Programs Office obviously played a key part in producing great survey results for the Bloomberg study,” Gordon-Moore said.

“We proudly proclaim at the top of our website that ‘The College of Business and Innovation equals careers,’” she added. “The Bloomberg surveys and rankings are in, and we are pleased and excited to have this external confirmation of what we have already known.”

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world flock to the 10-day festival timed to coincide with the peak of spring songbird migration.

“The Black Swamp Bird Observatory has been monitoring songbird migration for nearly 25 years on the southwestern shoreline of Lake Erie,” Gottgens said. “There is little habitat left along the lake for these birds, so they all pile up in the same area for food and sleep.”

UT undergraduate students watched as conservation biologists at the observatory used mist-nets to carefully capture and care for the birds. Researchers demonstrated how to safely hold the birds, identify the species, and assess them for weight and condition.

“We were looking for the wing length, if it was male or female, and the amount of fat on the body,” Seaman said. “Before we released the birds, we also watched the banding process.”

According to Gottgens, researchers put a minuscule aluminum band around the leg of a bird to help track its travel.

“Some of these bands are so tiny, you could hardly see them with the naked eye,” Gottgens said. “Birds banded in northwest Ohio have shown up in Columbia, South

America, later in the year. Over time, you keep track of the status of the birds. Are they in danger of going extinct? Are they growing more abundant?”

The database on the conservation status of songbirds also provides information related to changes in the environment.

“By following the birds and relating it to climate conditions, you get an idea of how climate change affects bird migration,” Gottgens said. “Some birds might show up much later than they did 25 years ago partly because of change in the weather and climate conditions.”

Seaman had the opportunity to touch and release a warbler after a conservation biologist finished banding it.

“She placed the little bird on my hand, and the bird just flew away in a matter of seconds,” Seaman said. “It was an awesome, amazing experience.”



Photos by Daniel Miller



BIRD IN THE HAND: Black Swamp Bird Observatory Research Director Mark Shieldcastle showed an American goldfinch to UT students before it was banded.

CLASS FIELD TRIP: Black Swamp Bird Observatory Education Director Kate Zimmerman spoke to students from Dr. Hans Gottgens' upper-level conservation biology course.

Astronomers

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Department of Physics and Astronomy and lead author of the new study to be published in *The Astrophysical Journal*. “This is not orbiting a star, so it is not a planet. It likely formed on its own in isolation like stars. We can use this to help us inform our understanding of chemistry and cloud structure of exoplanets, which are planets that orbit stars other than the sun.”

According to NASA, this discovery provides new clues in a mystery of galactic proportions regarding possibly billions of lonely worlds that sit quietly in the darkness of space without any companion planets or even a host sun. Where do the objects come from? Are they planets that were ejected from solar systems, or are they brown dwarfs?

“We are at the beginning of what will become a hot field — trying to determine the nature of the free-floating population and how many are planets versus brown dwarfs,” said co-author Dr. Davy Kirkpatrick of NASA's Infrared Processing and Analysis Center at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

UT undergraduate student James Windsor, a sophomore studying astrophysics, is listed as one of the study's co-authors.

“James played a vital role at the outset of the study by identifying WISEA 1147 from a candidate list of several thousand,” said Dr. Mike Cushing, associate professor of astronomy and director of UT's Ritter Planetarium. “Exposing undergraduates to cutting-edge research plays an important role in their education, and I am happy that in this case it resulted in a pretty amazing discovery.”

“To make the discovery and have a student be involved is just awesome,” Schneider said.

“The ability to do research like this as an undergraduate student is one reason I chose to attend UT,” Windsor said. “This whole experience is mind-blowing. I'm a kid who grew up in the village of Paulding, Ohio, dreaming of becoming an astronomer.”



Photo by Christine Long

UT sophomore James Windsor is an astrophysics major who helped astronomers identify the new object in space.

Pacemaker Awards to honor local couple, outstanding UT business students

By Bob Mackowiak

The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation and the Business Engagement and Leadership Council will recognize both business and academic excellence during the 53rd annual Pacemaker Awards Friday, April 29, at the Inverness Country Club.



Kathleen Hanley

The 2016 recipients of the Business Pacemakers Award are Kathleen Hanley, recently retired from ProMedica, and Michael Hanley, recently retired from Ernst & Young. It is the first time in the history of the honor that the business Pacemaker Award will be presented to a married

couple, as well as the first time the award has been presented to more than one person.

Mrs. Hanley retired from ProMedica in 2015 after 35 years of service. She served as chief integration and development officer, president of ProMedica Indemnity Corp., and ProMedica's chief financial officer. Previous to her long career with ProMedica, she was a senior auditor with Ernst & Young. Mrs. Hanley graduated from the UT College of Business with a BBA in accounting in 1978 and an MBA in finance. She has held many leadership positions with a variety of community organizations, including membership on the UT Foundation Board and the UT College of Business and Innovation Business Advisory Council, and she was named the 2014 UT College of Business and Innovation Most Distinguished Alumna.

Mr. Hanley retired from Ernst & Young in 2014 after 37 years with the firm, where he served many companies in the automotive industry in both an assurance and advisory role. He was the firm's global automotive leader, was a frequent speaker at automotive conferences around the globe, and led conferences or executive discussions covering global and regional automotive megatrends, urban mobility, and doing business in developing markets. Mr. Hanley graduated from UT in 1977, completed Ernst & Young's Executive Program at the Kellogg School at Northwestern University in 1996, and is a certified public accountant.



Michael Hanley

He is a member of the Board of Directors of Shiloh Industries Inc., as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of the MVP Foundation.

The Hanleys have two children and reside in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"Recipients of the Pacemaker Award over the past five decades read as a who's who of current and legendary business leaders in the Toledo region, and both Kathleen and Michael Hanley certainly belong in that impressive roster," said Dr. Gary Insch, dean of the UT College of Business and Innovation. "The Pacemaker Award is the College of Business and

Innovation's highest honor, recognizing individuals for outstanding achievement in business as well as contributions to the community and the University. Kathleen and Michael's highly successful careers, outstanding leadership, and tremendous generosity to our community make each of them an ideal business professional to receive this year's award, as well as to historically be the first dual Pacemaker honorees."

Student Pacemaker Awards are presented to UT College of Business and Innovation graduate and undergraduate students for their outstanding academic achievement, University and community service, and leadership.

The 2016 student Pacemakers are: Applied Organizational Technology — Donna Provolish; Accounting — Gianfranco Rolando and Rodrick Perkins; Finance — Martha Krause and Patrick Northcraft; Information Operations Technology Management — David Headley and Madeline Jarrett; Management — Kayla Cepo and Karee Kunkel; Marketing/International Business — Stephanie Elkins and Megan Gaysunas; Master of Business Administration — Gretchen Buskirk; Master of Science in Accountancy — Rachel Headley; Dean's Recipient — Jacob Pawelczyk.

UT College of Law offers new graduate certificates in compliance

By Meghan Cunningham

To help professionals stay current and comply with evolving laws and regulations, The University of Toledo College of Law is offering a new graduate certificate program in compliance.

The part-time program, which can be completed in about 10 months, is offered through online and in-person classes held in the evenings to accommodate working adults.

"A foundation in compliance is applicable to many heavily regulated career fields, including health care, education and human resources," said D. Benjamin Barros,

dean of the College of Law. "Coursework in areas such as policy and procedure creation; ethics; privacy and data security; reporting; and investigations will allow graduates of the certificate program to be more competitive in the job market and better prepared to lead compliance programs."

Interested students have three graduate certificate options: a specialized certificate in health-care compliance, a specialized certificate in higher education compliance, and a general certificate in compliance that is applicable to a variety of fields and industries.

The health-care compliance certificate is 18 credits, and participants will learn the rules and regulations associated with the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, Medicaid and HIPPA.

The 17-credit certificate in higher education compliance will provide a foundation for the regulations associated with the NCAA for athletics, Clery Act and Title IX for safety, and FERPA for student privacy.

The general-focus certificate is a 16-credit program that includes a faculty-

supervised research project focused on the student's unique compliance interests.

Each certificate program also can be incorporated into the College of Law's master of studies in law degree program and the juris doctor program.

The graduate certificates recently were approved by the American Bar Association and will be offered beginning this fall semester.

Student Appreciation Day



Photos by Daniel Miller

SWEET TIME: Mariah Rozier, left, and Alex Tapia scooped up some sugary goodness.



OOPS! Jourdan Ramirez, a senior in the Paralegal Studies Program, wiped out last week in the obstacle course that was in Centennial Mall as part of Student Appreciation Day.



GOING UP: Competing in the obstacle course that was in Centennial Mall for Student Appreciation Day last week were Natalie Moore, left, and Hannah Fox-Lu.



COMING DOWN: Hannah Fox-Lu, right, had a slight lead over Natalie Moore as the two hit the slide.



PUPPY LOVE: Students played with dogs from the Toledo Area Humane Society last week on Centennial Mall. Doggypalooza was held on Student Appreciation Day as a way to help students alleviate stress — and to crank up the canine cuteness on campus.

RockeTHON rocks, brings in more than \$140,000 for local hospital

By Hannah Kessler

For 13-hours April 16, some 1,400 UT students danced and raised \$147,530.82 for the Children’s Miracle Network.

That exceeded this year’s goal of raising \$130,000 and was almost a 40 percent increase from last year’s total of \$106,081.24.

Since 2001, RockeTHON has raised \$918,330, and it all stays at local Children’s Miracle Network Hospital, Mercy Children’s Hospital.

“It was absolutely incredible to see all of the hard work of the students come together on that day,” said Sean Reck, a senior majoring in chemical engineering and 2015-16 RockeTHON overall director. “Not only did the event set a new bar for this program, so did the final value raised.”

At the event, students were able to participate in a line dance, play on inflatables, and ride a mechanical bull, as well as participate in different intramural events and theme hours.

Throughout the day, the participants, including the UT football team and Head Coach Jason Candle, were able to play with Miracle Children from Mercy Children’s Hospital and listen to the stories of their time in the hospital and their battles with medical issues.

“We come out every year, and I can’t believe how many college kids give up their day for the kids and for the hospital,” Rhonda Carr, mother of two Miracle Children, said. “It is an awesome thing. We look forward to it every year.”

Julianne Putano, the newly appointed 2016-17 RockeTHON overall director, said she feels that this year has given the event the fuel for next year. “The potential for this organization is limitless, and I’m so excited to see what our team can accomplish.”

To keep updated with the mission of RockeTHON and fundraisers happening throughout the year, visit rockethon.org or follow @UTRockeTHON.



Photo by Kristi Frederick

BIG NUMBERS: RockeTHON executive board members proudly held up the total of funds raised for the Children’s Miracle Network Hospital, Mercy Children’s Center.



Photo by Daniel Miller

THEY GOT THE BEAT: Even Rocky got into the groove at the big dance party.

HAPPY: Sophomore Kelsey Sullivan beamed when the final amount raised this year was revealed: \$147,530.82.



Photo by Hannah Kessler

Faculty members receive promotion, tenure

A number of faculty members received tenure and promotion for the 2016-17 academic year approved April 18 by the UT Board of Trustees.

Faculty members who received tenure and promotion to associate professor are:

College of Business and Innovation

- Dr. Mai Dao, Accounting
- Dr. Anthony Holder, Accounting
- Dr. Yue Zhang, Operations and Technology Management

Judith Herb College of Education

- Dr. Victoria Stewart, Curriculum and Instruction

College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences

- Dr. Gaby Semaan, Foreign Languages
- Dr. Benjamin Stroud, English Language

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

- Dr. Malathi Krishnamurthy, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Rong Liu, Mathematics and Statistics

College of Social Justice and Human Service

- Dr. Wendi Goodlin-Fahncke, Criminal Justice and Social Work
- Dr. Debra Harmening, School Psychology, Higher Education and Counselor Education

The faculty member who received tenure and promotion to professor is:

College of Law

- Kara Bruce

The faculty member who received tenure is:

College of Law

- Gregory Gilchrist, associate professor

Faculty members promoted to professor are:

College of Communication and the Arts

- Dr. Timothy Brakel, Music

Judith Herb College of Education

- Dr. Svetlana Belyukova, Educational Foundations and Leadership
- Dr. Judy Lambert, Curriculum and Instruction

College of Engineering

- Dr. Duane Hixon, Mechanical, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering

- Dr. Douglas Nims, Civil Engineering

Jesup W. Scott Honors College

- Dr. Barbara Mann

College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences

- Dr. Linda Rouillard, Foreign Languages

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

- Dr. Peter Andreada, Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Dr. Jonathan Bossenbroek, Environmental Sciences
- Dr. Rupali Chandar, Physics and Astronomy
- Dr. Joseph Schmidt, Chemistry and Biochemistry

College of Social Justice and Human Service

- Dr. Richard Johnson, Criminal Justice and Social Work

The faculty member promoted to associate professor is:

College of Law

- Bryan Lammon

The faculty member promoted to associate clinical professor is:

College of Health Sciences

- Dr. Lynne Chapman, Rehabilitation Sciences

UT offering free health coaching to breast cancer survivors

By Christine Long

The University of Toledo Center for Health and Successful Living is inviting breast cancer survivors to sign up for free health coaching.

Enrollment in the six-month, personalized program will begin May 1 and end Nov. 30.

The goal is to equip and empower survivors to take control of their nutrition, fitness and mental health in order to live longer, happier lives.

“Cancer survivors are a vulnerable population,” said Dr. Amy Thompson, health education professor and co-director of the Center for Health and Successful Living. “They are at risk for a recurrence of cancer, as well as the development of other metabolic and mental health disorders. One-on-one coaching will help improve their health and well-being.”

A portion of a more than \$50,000 grant from Susan G. Komen of Northwest Ohio will fund the personalized health coaching at UT for 30 people. The coaches will serve as mentors and guide the survivors on their path to better health.

“This will help the survivors enjoy a better quality of life and reduce the chance of recurrence of cancer,” Thompson said. “Modifications like diet and exercise are recommended to ensure a disease-free survival. This kind of coaching has proven to be an effective model for prevention and sustaining a lifestyle change.”

To enroll, call the Center for Health and Successful Living at 419.530.5199.

United Way funds Reach Out and Read in Lucas, Wood counties

By Amanda Benjamin

United Way of Greater Toledo once again has awarded funding for Reach Out and Read in Lucas County and has added funding for program enhancement and expansion in Wood County.

Reach Out and Read of Northwest Ohio, coordinated by The University of Toledo Department of Pediatrics, gives young children from birth to age 5 a foundation for success by incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read aloud together.

“United Way funding allows primary care physicians and staff to pair a valuable tool — a developmentally appropriate book — with the message to parents that creating a language-rich home environment is a crucial step to ensure ready-for-school kids,” said Dr. Valarie Stricklen, UT associate professor of pediatrics and medical director of Rocket Pediatrics.

With new funding for Wood County, Reach Out and Read of Northwest Ohio will add more partner sites and

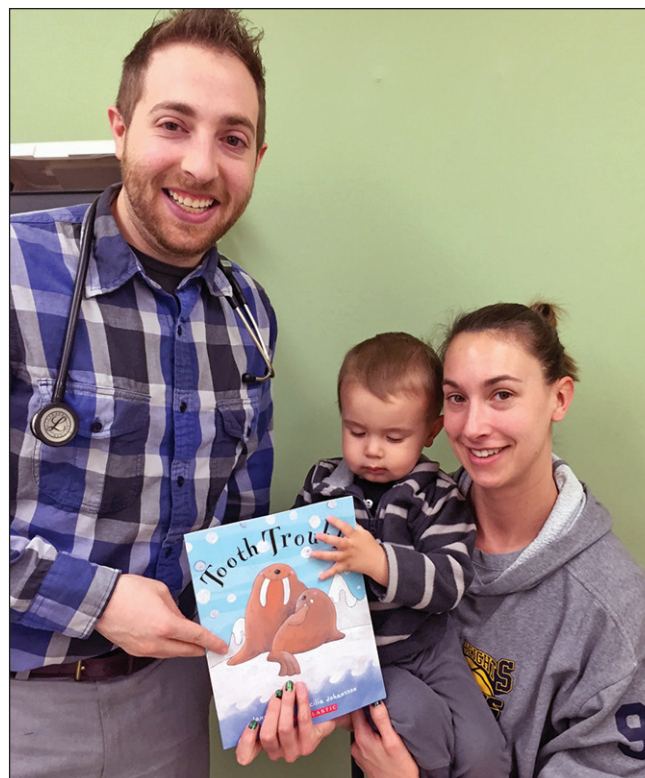


Photo by Lori LeGendre

BOOK IT: UT Pediatric Resident Dr. Joseph Giancarlo participated in Reach Out and Read by providing a new book to Rocket Pediatrics patient Jasper Vaez and his mother, Abigail.

CARLSON LIBRARY REMINDER

Renovations on the third and fourth floors of Carlson Library are scheduled to begin Monday, May 9.

That means faculty, graduate students and undergraduates must check out materials located on those floors that they may need for the summer by Friday, May 6.

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Office cleanup made easy on Main Campus

By Samantha Watson

Are you cleaning out your office or organizing that old supply closet for summer?

The week of Monday, April 25, through Friday, April 29, The University of Toledo is offering help to those who are doing some spring cleaning on Main Campus at the end of the semester.

Dumpsters will be placed throughout campus in the following locations: south of University Hall, north of the Health and Human Services Building, south of Memorial Field House, south of Bowman-Oddy Laboratories, west of Parks Tower, north of Presidents Hall, and east of the Lois and Norman Nitschke Auditorium.

There will be a cardboard box next to each dumpster to dispose of small

electronics and small metal items. Laptops and computers must have the memory wiped prior to disposal, which can be done by calling Rick Gerasimiak, UT desktop support manager, at 419.530.3411.

In order to be as environmentally friendly as possible, recycling containers to dispose of large amounts of paper can be requested by calling Neil Tabor, UT sustainability specialist, at 419.530.1042.

To get rid of biohazard, infectious, chemical waste, used oil, pharmaceuticals, bulbs, ballasts, rechargeable batteries or refrigerators, call the Department of Environmental Health and Radiation Safety at 419.530.3600.

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Rockets land impressive Academic Progress Rate scores

By Paul Helgren

The NCAA released its annual Academic Progress Rate (APR) figures for the four-year period from 2011-12 to 2014-15, and The University of Toledo received very impressive scores across the board. All 16 UT varsity sports had at least a 970 score, well above the NCAA's "cut point" of 930, with women's basketball leading the way with 996 mark.

Six other sports were at 990 or above: women's cross country, men's golf, women's tennis, women's soccer, women's swimming and baseball.

The UT football program had an APR score of 974, giving it the No. 1 mark in the Mid-American Conference for the third consecutive season. Women's basketball (996) also led the MAC. Men's basketball tied for second in the MAC with an APR score of 985.

"We are very proud of all of our sports for posting such impressive APR numbers," said UT Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O'Brien. "Seven of our sports had APR scores of 990 or above, and all of them

were above a 970. Those numbers mean that our student-athletes are doing well in the classroom and, most importantly, are on track to graduate.

"Special recognition should go to our women's basketball program, which has a nearly perfect APR score over the past four years," O'Brien said. "Also, congratulations should go out to our football program, for finishing with the highest APR in the Mid-American Conference for the third consecutive season."

APR is a gauge of every team's academic performance at a given point in time. Points are awarded on a semester-by-semester basis for eligibility, retention and graduation of scholarship student-athletes. "1,000" is considered a perfect score. Sports that fail to reach the "cut point" (930) can be penalized with the loss of scholarships, practice restrictions and post-season bans.

The APR data released April 21 is a cumulative figure taken from the 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years.

2014-15 University of Toledo Academic Progress Rates *(by Sport)*

Sport	4-Year APR#
Baseball	990
Men's Basketball	985
Men's Cross Country	980
Football	974
Men's Golf	993
Men's Tennis	973
Women's Basketball	996
Women's Cross Country	995
Women's Golf	986
Women's Soccer	992
Softball	970
Women's Swimming	991
Women's Tennis	992
Women's Track	977
Women's Volleyball	985
NCAA "Cut Point"	930

#Four-year data from academic years 2011-12 through 2014-15

UT employee/retiree luncheons to outline football ticket options

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo Athletic Department will hold a series of luncheons at the Sullivan Athletic Complex to help UT employees and retirees learn more about Rocket football season ticket options and the Ultimate Fan Plan.

Fans can have a free lunch while they sign up for their 2016 football season tickets.

University employees and retirees may sign up for any one of three luncheons. The luncheons will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 26; Wednesday, May 4; and Friday, May 6.

UT marketing/ticket staff, as well as the football coaching staff, will review the various season ticket options and answer questions. Fans may then go to the ticket office window to purchase tickets, if they choose.

One popular season ticket option is the Ultimate Fan Plan. For just \$80, fans receive a season ticket, a general admission season parking pass, a \$20 gift card to Rocky's Locker, and \$24 worth of food vouchers at the concession stand.

UT employees may purchase up to two Ultimate Fan Plan season tickets for half price, \$40 each.

RSVPs are requested two days prior to each luncheon date. Contact Heather Lutz at 419.530.2486 or heather.lutz@utoledo.edu or Nicole Ebersole at 419.530.2482 or nicole.ebersole@rockets.utoledo.edu.

For more information concerning the Ultimate Fan Plan and other season football options, visit utrockets.com.

The home football season will open Saturday, Sept. 10, vs. Maine.



'Wearable Conditions' event scheduled for April 28

There will be fashionable art and more at the "Wearable Conditions" exhibition Thursday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at the Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion.

The event will include lectures by Dr. Brian Kennedy, president, director and CEO of the Toledo Museum of Art, and Brian Carpenter, UT gallery director and lecturer in the Art Department.

And there will be an original soundtrack featuring music played and created by Marc Folk, executive director of the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo.

Ten student wearable works of art will be exhibited in a fashion show.

The concept of wearable art was developed last year, according to Carpenter.

"Students select and research a disease, virus or disorder, and then conceptualize and create a wearable work of art inspired by it," he said. "This allows for individual student works to join together and present as a cohesive body of work and ultimately a performance."

"The act of conceptualizing an internal virus, disease or disorder by externalizing that focus into new forms reinforces student recognition of fundamental art-making processes. Art is essentially an internal concept manifested into an external object or performance."

Students also benefit from the research experience.

"Through research, students are exposed to characteristics of a virus, disease or disorder they may never have considered," Carpenter said. "This exposure brings about an awareness of not only the physical structure of these conditions, but also the treatments, policies, social constructs and politics that surround them as well."

For more information on the free, public event, contact Carpenter at brian.carpenter@utoledo.edu.

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UT community asked to complete compliance survey

Take a few minutes to complete the University's biannual climate survey, and you'll be entered in a drawing to win prizes and be treated to ice cream and pizza.

Students, faculty and staff received an invitation to take the survey in their UT email account April 20. This email contains the link to the survey, which will take about 20 minutes to complete.

The 2016 survey is sponsored by the UT Culture Ambassadors and the Division of Equity, Diversity, and Community Engagement, with a number of partners: Office of Institutional Research, Office of Internal Audit and Compliance, College of Graduate Studies, and College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

"The survey is different than the diversity assessment and measures the overall perceptions of campus climate, acceptance, diversity-related services, courses, programs and/or organizations, attitudes and feelings toward others, discrimination and harassment, and awareness," said Dr. Shanda Gore, chief diversity officer and associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement. "Responses will provide important information about your overall campus experiences, will assist in grant research, and be used to improve the culture of the UT community.

"More than 30 initiatives have been either created or promoted since 2010, and it has established the groundwork for many of the efforts we have completed at UT today."

Those who prefer to complete a hard copy of the survey can pick up one with pre-addressed envelopes at the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women in Tucker Hall Room 0168 or the College of Graduate Studies in University Hall Room 3240 on Main Campus; in the Minority Business Development Center front entrance or the Office of Internal Audit and Compliance in Learning Resource Center Room 3850 on Scott Park Campus; and the UT Medical Center lobby on Health Science Campus, where managers also will be able to provide copies.

To thank participants for their time, those who complete the survey and provide an email address will be entered into a drawing to win some prizes, including an iPad mini, Fit Bits, lokai bead bracelets, UT apparel, gift cards and more.

"If you provide your email address for this drawing, your results will still remain confidential," Gore stressed.

The survey will close Friday, May 13.

Those with questions about the survey should contact Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement at 419.530.5538 or the Office of Institutional Research at 419.530.1241.

2016 Campus Culture Climate Survey: We aren't talking weather here!



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UTMC honors longtime volunteer, thanks others who help

By Amanda Benjamin

The University of Toledo Medical Center celebrated its volunteers with a luncheon recently at the Radisson Hotel on Health Science Campus during National Volunteer Week.

UTMC has about 200 volunteers, who average 3,000 hours of combined service each month and assist 116 departments.

To honor longtime volunteer Frances Clinton, who passed away this year, UTMC established the Frances Clinton Service Award. Clinton's family received the first Frances Clinton Service Award at the luncheon.

Going forward, the award will be presented to the UTMC volunteer with the most service hours — more than 500 — for the year. Clinton started volunteering at UTMC in 1993 and logged a total of 18,000 service hours.

"Frances volunteered in several different departments over the years and was known for her beautiful smile that could light up a room," said Patty MacAllister, support services coordinator in the Service Excellence Department. "She was greatly appreciated and greatly missed by all who knew her."

Volunteers who completed more than 500 service hours in 2015 also were recognized at the event: Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites Auxiliary; Dr. Don Godfrey, UT professor emeritus of neurology; Yonggil Jang; Vinay Kotturi; Don Lemle; Tawik Obri; Amanjot Sidhu; and Gheith Yousif.

Matt Schroeder, chief of staff to UT President Sharon L. Gaber, spoke at the event and expressed his gratitude toward UTMC's volunteers for their contributions to the hospital.

For more information about UTMC Volunteer Services, contact MacAllister at patricia.mac2@utoledo.edu or 419.383.6336.



Photos by Amanda Benjamin

TRIBUTE: Patty MacAllister, support services coordinator, center left, presented the first Frances Clinton Service Award to Clinton's sisters, Paulette Smietana, left, and Mary Ann Nappens, and niece Paige.



TIME-SHARING: Patty MacAllister, support services coordinator, left, handed out certificates to, from left, Dr. Don Godfrey, UT professor emeritus of neurology, Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites Auxiliary, and Don Lemle, who were recognized at the UTMC Volunteer Luncheon for completing more than 500 service hours in 2015.

Reach Out and Read

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expand its community reach, said Lori LeGendre, program director of Reach Out and Read of Northwest Ohio.

"Medical providers teaching parents about the importance of literacy in daily routines is an important step to not only develop kids who are ready to learn, but who will also grow up to be better advocates for their own health," LeGendre said.

There are currently 25 participating medical offices in northwest Ohio, including the UT Health Rocket Pediatrics sites. The local program distributes more than 26,000 new books each year.

Founded in 1989, Reach Out and Read is a national nonprofit organization that partners with more than 5,800 sites around the country and distributes 6.8 million books each year.

For more information about the local initiative, visit [facebook.com/RORNWO](https://www.facebook.com/RORNWO) or contact LeGendre at lori.legendre@utoledo.edu or 419.383.4007.

Be prepared for tornado season

By Ashley Gearheart

Peak tornado season, which runs from April through July in Ohio, is upon us — are you prepared for the worst?

In order to keep students, faculty and staff safe in the event of a tornado, The University of Toledo has specific tornado and severe weather safety protocols in place. The UT Police Department encourages faculty, staff and students to be familiar with what to do if severe weather strikes.

“Tornadoes have caused death and significant property damage in northwest Ohio,” said UT Police Chief Jeff Newton. “Tornado safety is something we have to take seriously.”

When weather conditions are favorable for a tornado, the National Weather Service issues a tornado watch for affected counties. In tornado watch situations, the best course of action is to be alert, listen for the emergency sirens, and continue with normal daily activities.

If a tornado or funnel cloud has been sighted, the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning. In this

case, the county-wide emergency sirens will be activated, and the University’s outdoor public address system and mass notification system in buildings will sound.

All classes will be immediately suspended when there is a tornado warning, and people in affected areas should seek safety immediately. Classes will not resume until the warning has expired.

The safest place to be in the event of a tornado is one of the many tornado safe waiting areas on campus or in a ground- or basement-level interior hallway with no windows to the outside.

Tornado safe waiting areas are located in buildings on Main, Scott Park and Health Science campuses and are marked with signs showing a twister.

To sign up for the UT Alert system, which sends text notifications during campus emergencies, visit <http://utoledo/alert>.

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 Communications Office if they wish to have a photo taken and published in UT News.

Contact Joanne Gray at joannegray3@utoledo.edu or 419.530.5157 to schedule an appointment before Wednesday, May 11.

Photos will appear in an upcoming issue of the paper.



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